French Defense
Tarrasch Variation
3.Nd2

Chess Notes 2024

C07

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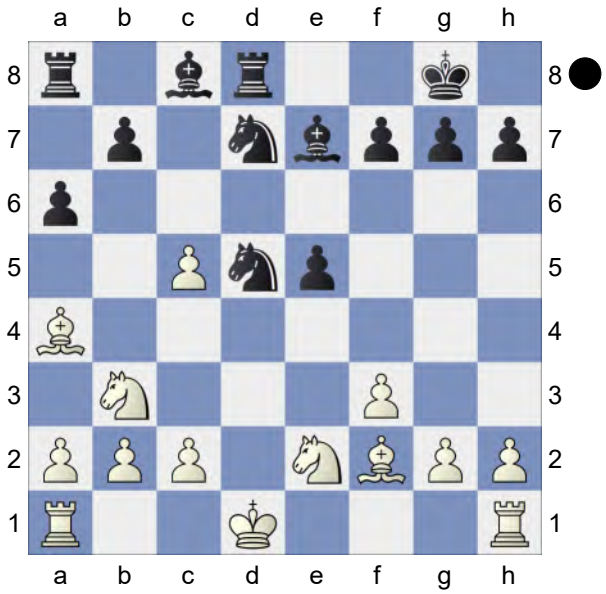
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** 2802
Saint Louis Blitz (7) 15.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.dxc5 Nf6 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Nb3 Qxd1+ 7.Kxd1 Nbd7 8.Bb5** The position is equal. **8...a6 9.Ba4 Be7 10.f3N** -0.40/21
[10.Nf3± 0.52/21 0-0 11.Be3 Nd5 12.Bd4 Rd8 13.Ke2 Nf4+ 14.Kf1 f6 15.c4 e5 16.Be3 Rb8 17.Rd1 *(17.Bxf4 exf4 18.Rd1 g5 19.Ke2 g4 20.Ne1 b5 21.cxb6 Rxb6 22.Bxd7 Bxd7 23.Rd4 Re6+ 24.Kd3 a5 25.Nc2 a4 26.Nc1 Rb6* 3. Nd2 c5-4. exd5 Qxd5 5.dxc5 with 6.Nb3*)* 17...b5 18.cxb6 Nxb6 19.Rxd8+ Bxd8 20.Bc6 Be6 21.c5 Bc4+ 3. Nd2 c5-4. exd5 Qxd5 5.dxc5 with 6.Nb3]
[10.c6 b5 11.Bxb5 axb5 12.cxd7+ Nxd7 Tarrasch Exd5-Dxc5]
10...0-0∓ Black has compensation. **11.Be3 Nd5 12.Bd4** -1.18/22 Black converts the advantage convincingly.
[12.Bf2∓ -0.60/21]
12...e5∓ 13.Bf2 -1.25/21
[⌓13.Bxd7 -0.81/22 Bxd7 *(13...exd4 14.Bxc8 Ne3+ 15.Kd2∓)* 14.Bxe5]
13...Rd8 Black is more active. **14.Ne2** -1.90/22
[14.Ke1∓ -1.09/21]

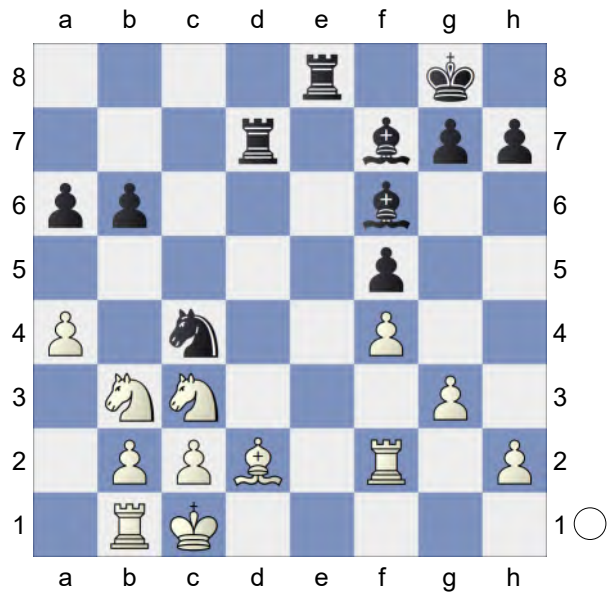
(Diagram)

Against Nd5-c3+ **14...N7b6!-+ 15.cxb6** -2.49/21
[15.Bc6 -1.78/22 is a better defense.]



15...Nxb6+ Discovered Attack (Check) **16.Kc1 Nxa4 17.Ng3 Be6 18.Re1 Rac8 19.Be3 f5** Repels Ng3-e4 **20.Bd2** Prevents Be7-b4. **20...Rd5 21.Ne2 Rd6 22.Nc3?** -4.29/23
[22.f4 -2.28/20 e4 23.Be3]
22...Nb6 -1.95/21
[Not 22...Nxc3 23.Bxc3 Bg5+ 24.Kb1∓]
[⌓22...Rxd2 -4.29/23 23.Kxd2 Nxb2]
23.Rxe5? -4.38/23
[23.f4 -1.95/21]
23...Nc4 24.Re2 Rcd8? -1.12/22
[24...Nxd2-+ -4.12/22 has better winning chances. 25.Nxd2 Bg5]
25.g3 -2.58/21
[25.Bf4∓ -1.12/22 Rc6 26.Nd1]
25...Bf6 Strongly threatening ...b7-b5. **26.a4 b6** -1.20/21
[26...Bd5-+ -3.00/22 27.Rf2 Bc6]
27.f4 -3.25/22
[27.Kb1∓ -1.20/21 was the only defense.]
27...Bf7 28.Rf2 R6d7 29.Rb1? -5.36/23
[29.h3 -2.71/24]
29...Re8

(Diagram)

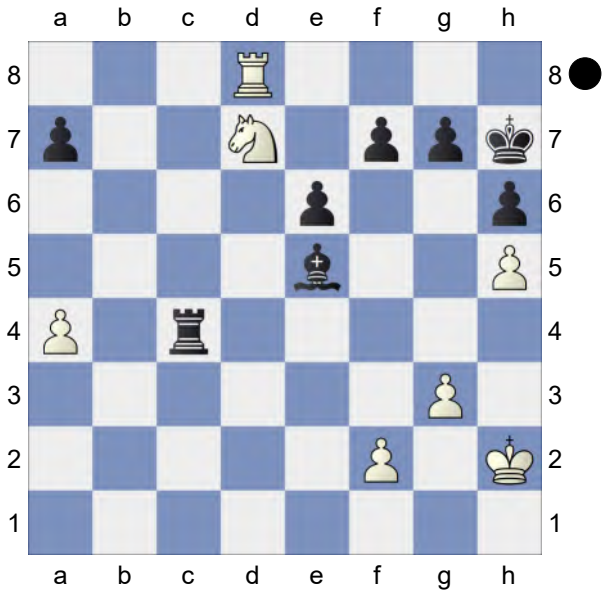


aiming for ...Bf7-h5. **30.Nd1?** -5.00/25
[30.Ra1 -2.79/24]
30...Bh5 Hoping for ...Re8-e1! A strong pair of Bishops. White is weak on the light squares **31.c3 Be2 32.Ne3?** -7.12/24
[32.Ra1 -3.64/24]
32...Rxe3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/Black=0.63
0-1

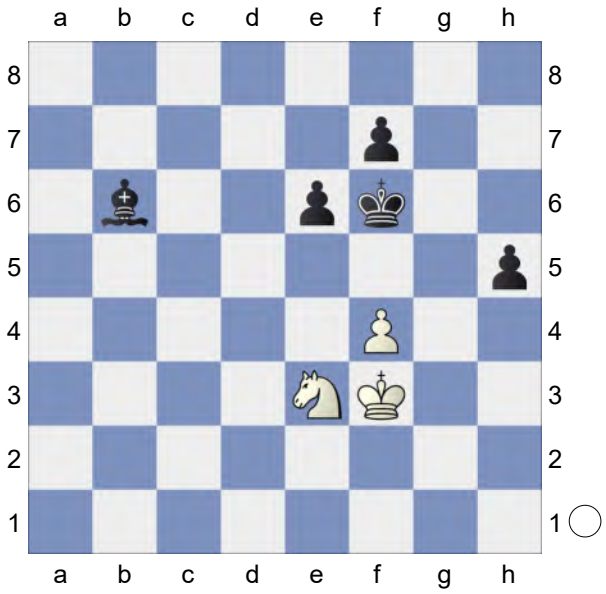
C07
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2721**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2729**
Saint Louis Blitz (4) 15.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Qc7 9.Qe2 Ne7 10.Nf3 Ng6 11.e5** Inhibits Bf8-d6. White has an edge. **11...c5 12.0-0**
[12.c4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Be7 14.h4 Bc6 15.h5 Nf8 16.h6 g6 17.0-0 Qb7 18.Ba6 Qb6 19.Bg5 Nd7 20.Bxe7 Kxe7 21.Ng5 Qb4 22.Bc4 Rad8 23.a3 Qb8 24.Rfe1 Nb6 25.Rac1 Rd4 26.Bb5 Ba8 1-0 Bellon Lopez,J (2734)-4. ♘f3 a6 5. a4 b6 (2727) 31st TCh Halkidiki GRE 2002 (10.4)]
12...Be7 13.c3 Rb8N
[13...f5 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Re1 e5 16.Nh4 e4 17.Qh5 Qe5 18.Be2 Qxh5 19.Bxh5 Rg8 20.g3 0-0-0 21.Bxg6 hxg6 22.c4 dxc4 23.Rxe4 Bc6 24.Re1 f5 25.Be3 Bxh4 26.gxh4 Rge8 27.Bxc5 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 ½-½ Coll Sola,J (2697)-Stempka,J (2501) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (1) Rd2 29.Bxa7 Rxb2 30.Ra1 Be4 31.Bd4 Rb1+ 32.Rxb1 Bxb1 33.a4 Be4 34.f4 Bf3 35.Kf2 Bh5 36.Ke3 Kb7 37.Bc3 Ka6 38.Kd4 Be2 39.Kc5 Bd3 40.h5 gxh5 41.Be1 c3 42.Bxc3 h4 43.Kd4 ½-½ Naiditsch,A (2697)-Flom,G (2501) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (1)]
14.Re1 Qb7 15.b3 Bb5 16.Bxb5+ Qxb5 17.c4 dxc4 18.bxc4 Qa6 19.g3 Rb4 0.67/22
[Better is 19...Bd8= 0.01/21]
20.Nd2 -0.23/22
[20.a3± 0.67/22 Ra4 *(20...Rxc4? 21.a4+-)* 21.h4]
20...Qc6 21.a3 Rb6 22.Ra2 Bd8 23.Bb2 0-0 24.h4 h6 25.Bc3 Bc7 26.h5 Ne7 27.Ne4 -0.33/22
[27.g4= 0.18/20]
27...Rfb8 28.Rd2 Rb3 29.Red1 Nf5 30.a4 Nd4
[Inferior is 30...Qxa4 31.Nxc5 Qa3 32.Nxb3 Rxb3 33.Bb2+-]
31.Bxd4 cxd4 32.Rxd4 Rb1 0.45/25
[32...Bxe5= 0.00/25 33.Rd8+ Kh7 34.Rxb8 Rxb8]
33.Rxb1!± Rxb1+ 34.Kh2 Rb4
[34...Kf8!?]

35.Nf6+ Kh8? 5.39/23
[35...gxf6= 0.01/25 and Black has nothing to worry. 36.Rg4+ Kf8]
36.Qe4? -0.38/23
[White has to play 36.Qd2+- 5.39/23 Intending Rd4-d8+ and mate. Rb8 *(36...Qxa4 37.Rd8+* Back Rank *Bxd8 38.Qxd8+)* 37.Rd7]
36...Qxe4∓ 37.Nxe4 Bxe5 Endgame. KRB-KRN **38.Rd8+ Kh7 39.Nc5** -1.38/26 White is on the road to losing.
[39.Nd2= -0.25/24 remains equal.]
39...Rxc4∓ 40.Nd7



White wants to mate with Nd7-f8+.
40...Bd6 41.a5? -3.86/29
[41.Nf8+ -1.76/28 Bxf8 42.Rxf8]
41...Ra4 -1.67/29
[⌓41...Rh4+ -3.86/29 42.Kg2 Rxh5]
42.Kg2 -2.49/28
[42.Nf8+ -1.67/29 was necessary. Bxf8 43.Rxf8]
42...Rxa5-+ 43.Rc8? -5.11/29
[43.g4 -2.37/27]
43...Rxh5 44.Rc6 Rd5 45.Ra6 Be7 46.Rxa7 Kg6 47.Nb6 Bc5 48.Nxd5 Bxa7 KB-KN **49.Ne7+ Kf6 50.Nc6 Bc5 51.f4?** -5.07/30
[51.g4 -3.04/26 might work better.]
51...g5 52.Kf3 -5.90/28
[52.fxg5+ -3.62/28 Kxg5 *(52...hxg5? 53.Kf3-+)* 53.Ne5]
52...gxf4 53.gxf4 -9.15/33
[⌓53.Kxf4 -4.60/26 h5 54.Ke4]
53...h5 54.Ne5 Bd6 55.Nc4 Bc7 56.Ne3 Bb6



(→ ...Bb6xe3). Black is clearly winning.
57.Nf1 -8.89/32
[⌓57.Ng2 -4.78/31 Bd4 58.Nh4]
57...Kg6 58.Ng3 f5 ...h5-h4 would now be deadly. **59.Ne2 h4 60.Kg2 Kh5** Hoping for ...Kh5-g4. **61.Kh3 Be3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.41
0-1

C07
□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2751**
■ **Topalov,Veselin** **2727**
37th Magistral de Leon 2024 (1.4)
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 20min+10sec C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4** 3 **e6** 5 **2.d4** 8 **d5** 1 **3.Nd2** 3 **a6** 10 **4.Ngf3** 4 **Nf6** 2 **5.Bd3** 12 **c5** 1

6.dxc5 7 **Bxc5** 11 **7.0-0** 14 **dxe4** 1:30 **8.Nxe4 Nxe4** 2 **9.Bxe4** 3 **Qxd1** 1 White is slightly better. **10.Rxd1** 2 **Nd7** 1 **11.c3N** 16

[11.h3 Nf6 12.Bd3 b5 13.a4 b4 14.Ne5 Bb7 15.a5 Nd5 16.Bd2 f6 17.Nc4 Kf7 18.Ne3 Nf4 19.Bf1 Rhd8 20.Be1 Ke7 21.c3 b3 22.g3 Ng6 23.Nc4 Bd5 24.Nb6 Bxb6 25.axb6 Ne5 1-0 Main Line Na5 (2355)-Grodzenski,S (2453) USSR 21/(563) 1976 (9) 26.f4 Nf3+ 27.Kf2 Nxe1 28.Kxe1 a5 29.c4 Bc6 30.Rxd8 Kxd8 31.Kd2 Kc8 32.Kc3 Kb7 33.c5 Bd5 34.Bb5 e5 35.Rd1 Bc6 36.Bxc6+ Kxc6 37.Kc4 a4 38.Rd6+ Kb7 39.Kb5 1-0 Bijaoui,M (2355)-Legky,N (2453) FRA-chT Poule Basse 2006 (9)]

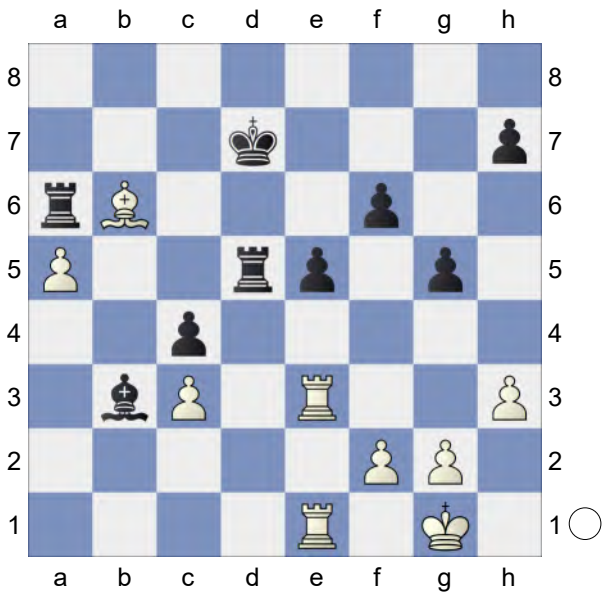
11...Nf6 10 **12.Bc2** 3 **Ng4** 47 Repels Nf3-e5 **13.Rd2** 57 **b6** 21 **14.h3** 0.08/19 1:08

[14.b4± 0.55/26 Be7 15.Be4]

14...Nf6= 1 **15.Ne5** 3 **Bb7** 11 **16.Rd1** 27 **Rc8** 2:08 **17.a4** 2:50 **Nd5** 2:04 **18.Bb3** 21 **f6** 2:01 **19.Nd3** 7 **Ke7** 9 **20.Nxc5** 14 **bxc5** 2 **21.Bxd5** 1:20 **Bxd5** 2 **22.b4** 2 **Bb3** 3:01 **23.Re1** 16 **Rhd8** 12 **24.Be3** 4 **c4** 26 **25.b5** 9 **Ra8** 3 **26.bxa6** 43 **Rxa6** 3 **27.a5** 1 **Rd5** 53 **28.Bb6** 5 **Kd7** 2 **29.Re3** 11 **e5** 14 **30.Rae1** 7 **g5** 15

(Diagram)

31.h4! 31 **h6** 19 **32.hxg5** 4 **hxg5** 0 **33.Rh3** 2 **Ke6** 30 **34.Rh8** 16 **Bc2** 1:21 **35.Rc1** 1:00 **Bd3** 12 **36.Kh2** 31 **Rb5** 6 **37.Rc8** 13:36 **Kf5** 41 **38.Kg3** 0 **Kg6** 1:27 **39.Rh1** 0 **Rb3** 46 **40.Rc1** 0 **Rb2** 14 **41.Rg8+** 0 **Kf5** 13 **42.Rf8** 0 **Be4** 19 **43.Rd1** 0 **Bd3** 2 **44.Rh1** 0 **Raxb6** 32 **45.axb6** 0 **Rxb6** 1 **46.Rh6** 0 **e4** 0.76/31



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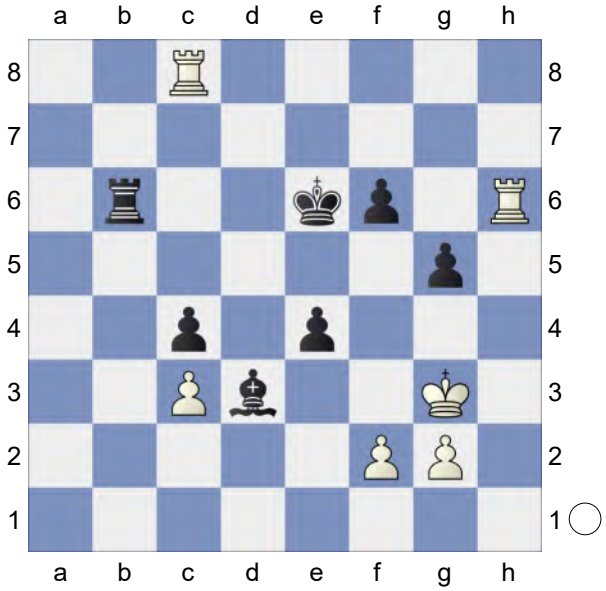
[46...Ra6= 0.21/23]

47.Rc8 0 Black must now prevent Rc8-c5+. **47...Ke6** 1.78/23 33

[47...Re6± 0.73/25 48.Rc7 Be2 49.Rc5+ Re5]

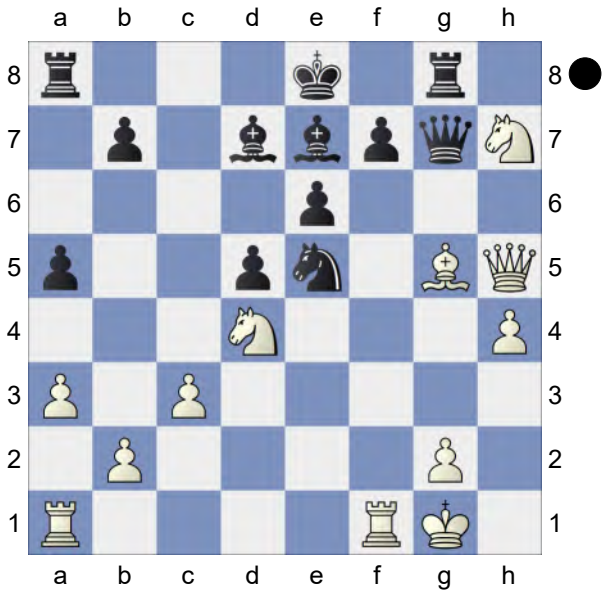


48.Rc5! 0 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

½-½

C06
□ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu 2747**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar 2762**
Warsaw Superbet Blitz (4) 11.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

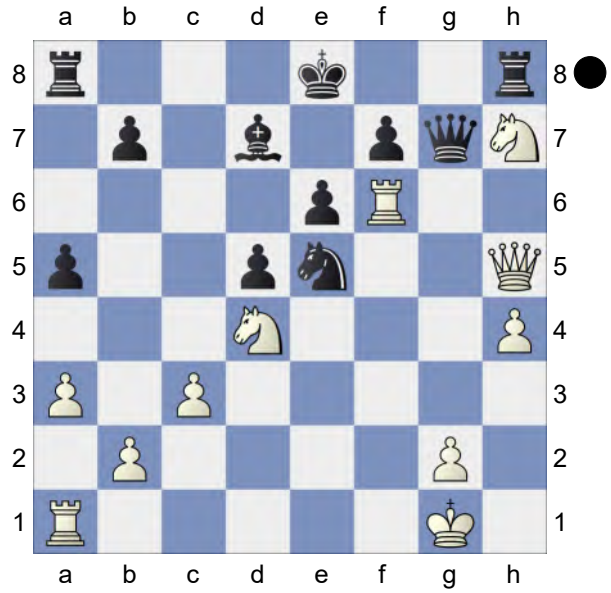
C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines Neil McDonald: 'Smirin, I: 'Inf 83/246'' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 a5 8.a3**
[8.0-0 g6 9.Re1 *(9.h4 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qb6 11.h5 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Nf3 Qg4 14.h6 Be7 15.Qc2 0-0 16.Be3 Bd8 17.Nh2 Qb4 18.a3 Qe7 19.Ng4 Kh8 20.Rac1 Bb6 21.Bf4 Qc5 22.Qe2 Qe7 23.Qd2 Qh4* 1-0 Choisy,M (2182)-Le Bail,C (1976) FRA-chT Top 12 2015 (10.8)) 9...Bg7 10.h4 0-0 11.h5 cxd4 12.cxd4 gxh5 13.Nb3 f6 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.Bg5 Qd6 16.Ne5 Ne4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Rxe4 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Qxd1+ 20.Rxd1 b6 21.Be7 Re8 22.Bd6 Bb7 1-0 Smirin,I (2698)-Luther,T (2604) (m/2) 83/246 2001]
8...Be7 9.0-0N
[9.h4 c4 10.Bc2 b5 11.Nf1 Qc7 12.Ng3 h6 13.Nh5 Bf8 14.Rh3 g6 15.Nf4 Nb6 16.Nh2 Ne7 17.Ng4 Bd7 18.Nf6+ Kd8 19.h5 g5 20.Ne2 Ng8 21.Nxd7 Qxd7 22.Rf3 Bg7 23.a4 f5 1-0 Istratescu,A-Maze,S FRA-ch 87th Pau FRA 2012 (5)]
9...g5!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
10.dxc5N White is slightly better.
[Vorgänger: 10.h3 h5 ½-½ Grgantov,M (1893)-Cubric,A (1797) CRO-chT U16 Crikvenica 2021 (4.1)]
10...g4 11.Nd4 Strongly threatening Bd3-b5. **11...Ndxe5 12.Bb5** And now f2-f4 would win. **12...Bd7 13.f4** -0.12/20
[13.Bxc6 0.25/24 was preferrable. bxc6 14.b4]
13...gxf3 1.16/20
[13...Nxd4= -0.12/20 keeps the balance. 14.Bxd7+ Nxd7 15.cxd4 f5]
14.N2xf3± Bxc5 15.Bxc6 Nxc6 16.Ng5! Ne5 2.80/22
[⌓16...Qb6 1.62/20]
17.Bf4 Rg8 18.Qh5 0.92/20
[18.Nxh7 Ng4=]
[White should play 18.Ngxe6+- 1.74/23 fxe6 19.Bxe5]
18...Qf6 19.Nxh7 Qg7 20.Bg5 -0.47/22
[20.Bxe5? Qxg2#]
[20.Bg3!± 0.99/22 Black must now prevent Nh7-f6+. Rh8 21.Bxe5 *(21.Qxe5 Qxe5 22.Bxe5 Rxh7=)* 21...Qxh7 22.Qf3]
20...Be7→ Black has some attack. Dancing on a razor blade. **21.h4** -2.33/23
[21.Nf3!∓ -0.66/22 Bxg5 *(21...Nxf3+ 22.Rxf3 Rh8 23.Bxe7∓)* 22.Nfxg5]



21...Rh8!-+ 22.Bf6 -3.95/26
[⌓22.Bxe7 -2.67/21 Kxe7 *(22...Qxh7? 23.Qxe5 Kxe7 24.Nf5+*

Kd8 25.Nd6+-) 23.Qg5+ Qxg5 24.Nxg5]

22...Bxf6 23.Rxf6



Ng6

[23...Qxh7 24.Qxe5 Qxh4 25.Nf5 Qh1+ 26.Kf2 Qxa1 27.Rxf7 Qxb2+ 28.Kf3 Qxa3 *(28...Kxf7 29.Qg7+ Ke8 30.Qe7#)* 29.Qxh8+ *(29.Nd6+ Qxd6* Remove Defender *30.Qxd6 Kxf7∓)* 29...Kxf7 30.Qh5+ Kf8 *(30...Kf6 31.Qh6+ Kf7 32.Qh5+ Kf6 33.Qh6+ Kf7 34.Qh5+=)* 31.Qh8+ Kf7 32.Qh5+ Kf6 33.Qh6+ Kf7 *(33...Kxf5 34.g4+ Ke5 35.Qf4#)* 34.Qh5+=]

24.Raf1 Threatens to win with Rf6xf7.

24...Qxh7 25.Qg5 Qxh4

[Not 25...Nxh4 26.Rxf7 Qxf7 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 28.Qf4+ Nf5 29.Nf3-+]

26.Rxg6 fxg6 27.Qxg6+ Kd8 28.Rf7 -7.05/20

[⌓28.Nf3 -4.75/14 Qf4 29.Qd3]

28...Kc8 aiming for ...Qh4-e1+. **29.Nf3 Qh6** 0.00/20

[Better is 29...Qd8-+ -4.71/20 30.Qg7 Qb6+ 31.Nd4 Rd8 *(31...Qd8 32.Rxd7 Qxd7 33.Qxh8+ Qd8 34.Qh3∓)*]

30.Qg3? -7.82/19

[30.Qxh6= 0.00/20 Rxh6 31.Rf8+ Kc7 32.Rxa8]

30...Qe3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/Black=0.60

0-1

C09

□ **Martinez Alcantara,Jose Eduardo**

■ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**

Madrid Clash of Claims m blitz (22)

[Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Qe7+!** outshines the older 6... Bd6. erfolgreicher als das alte 6...Ld6. **7.Be2 Nf6 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Re1 cxd4** White is slightly better. **10.Bb5+ Be7 11.Qe2 Bg4!?** Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

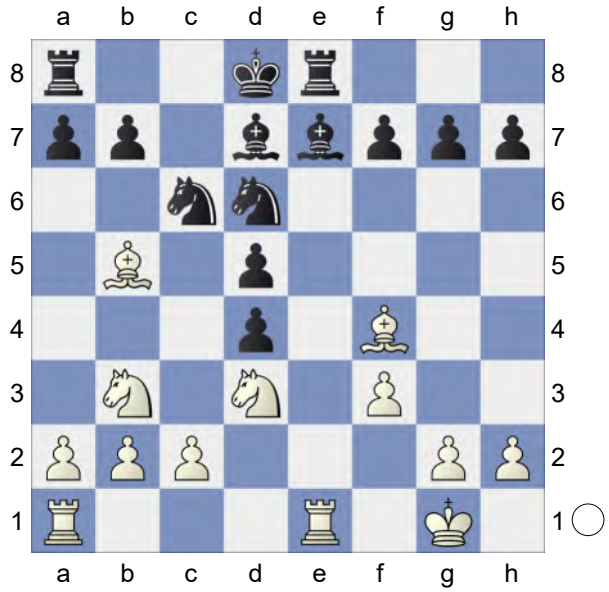
[11...a6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Nxd4 Ra7 14.Qe5 c5 15.Nf5 Qxe5 16.Rxe5 Bxf5 17.Rxf5 0-0 18.b3 a5 19.a4 g6 20.Re5 Bd6 21.Re1 Rc8 22.Bb2 Nd7 23.Rad1 Bf8 24.Nb1 Nb6 25.Nc3 Rd7 26.Nb5 ½-½ Mamedov,R (2678)-Harikrishna, P (2733) 33rd ECC Open 2017 (7.1)]

12.Qe5N

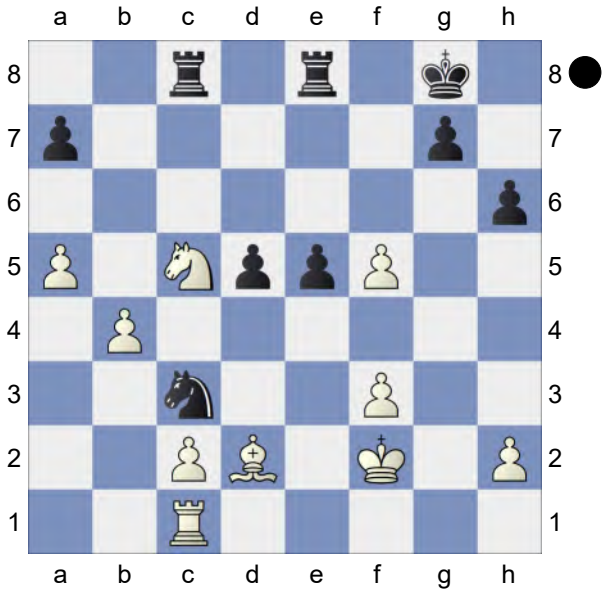
[12.h3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 Ne4 14.Nxd4 0-0 15.Be3 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Bd3 Rfe8 19.Qe3 Qxe3 20.Rxe3 Nc5 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Rd1 g6 23.Kf1 Kg7 24.Be2 Rd8 25.Bf3 d4 26.Ke2 b6 ½-½ Martinez Alcantara,J (2612)-Kramnik,V (2753) Madrid Clash of Claims m blitz 2024 (18)]

12...Qxe5 13.Nxe5 Bd7 ...Nc6xe5 is

the strong threat. **14.Nd3N** White has compensation.
[Vorgänger: 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Nd3 Against c6-c5 Bf5 16.Nb3 -0.40/25 *(Better is 16.Nf3!=* 0.12/23) 16...Bxd3∓ 17.cxd3 Kd7 18.Nxd4 Bb4 19.Rd1 Rhe8 20.Bd2 ½-½ Lu,S (2570)-Zvjaginsev,V (2658) Moscow Aeroflot op-A 14th 2015 (2)]
14...Kd8 15.Nb3 Re8 16.Bf4 Ne4 Repels Nb3-c5 **17.f3 Nd6**



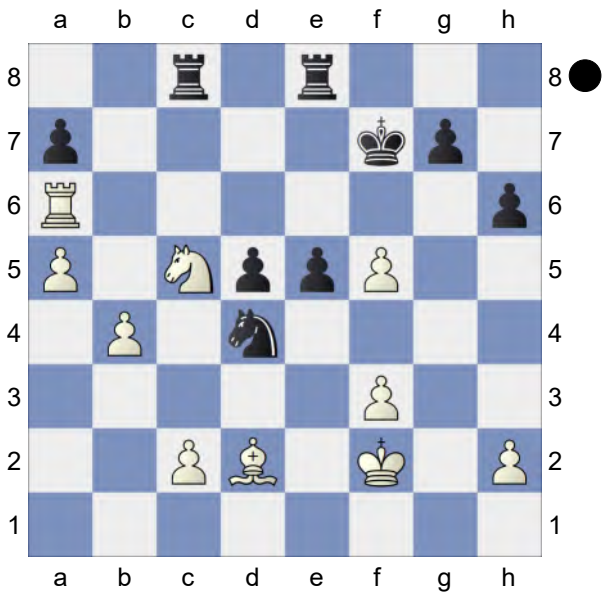
18.Rxe7? -1.61/30 **Kxe7?** -0.03/20
[Black should play 18...Nxe7-+ -1.61/30 19.Bxd7 Kxd7 20.Ne5+ Kd8 21.Nxd4 Rc8]
19.Re1+!= Be6 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Nxd4 Rac8 22.Nc5 Nb5 23.Ndb3 A dynamic duo of knights. **23...Kf8** 0.46/22
[23...Nd6= 0.00/21 should be considered.]
24.a4± Nc7 25.Nd4 Prevents Be6-f5 **25...Kg8 26.Kf2**
[26.Nxc6? Na8 27.c3 Rxc6-+]
26...h6 27.b4 Na8 28.a5 -0.05/21 Wards off Na8-b6
[28.Nb7!± 0.65/25]
28...Nc7!= 29.Nxc6? -1.91/21
[29.Bxc7= -0.05/21 and White has nothing to worry. Rxc7 30.Re5]
29...Nb5-+ 30.Ne5 Bf5 31.Rc1 Nc3 ...Nc3-a2 would now be deadly. **32.g4** -2.80/23
[⌓32.Bd2 -1.76/20 Na2 33.Ra1 Nxb4 *(33...Bxc2?* is the wrong capture. *34.Rxa2 Bf5 35.Bc3+-)* 34.Bxb4 Rxe5 35.c3]
32...f6 -1.65/23
[⌓32...Na2 -2.80/23 33.Rd1 Nxb4 *(33...Bxc2? 34.Rd4-+)*]
33.gxf5 -2.41/23
[33.Bd2 -1.65/23 was necessary. fxe5 34.Bxc3]
33...fxe5 34.Bd2



Nb5 35.Rg1 Kf7? -1.10/17
[35...Rc6-+ -2.89/21 and Black stays clearly on top. Threatens to win with ... Rc6-f6. 36.Ne6 Rxc2]
36.Rg6∓ Nd4 37.Ra6 -1.97/24
[37.Rd6∓ -0.79/21]

(Diagram)

37...Re7 -0.71/20
[But not 37...Nxf5 38.Rxa7+ Re7

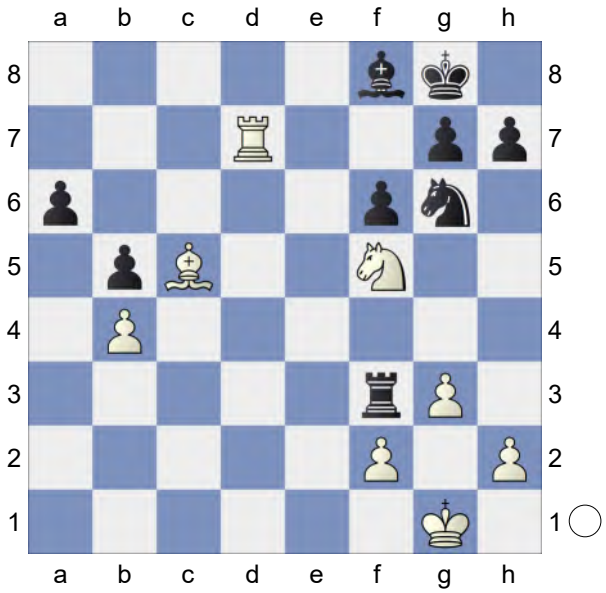


39.Ra6=]
[37...Ra8!-+ -1.97/24 has better winning chances. 38.Be3 Nxc2 *(38...Nxf5? 39.Na4-+)*]
38.f6? -3.40/25 **gxf6-+ 39.c3** -3.43/23
[39.Rd6 -2.26/19 is a better defense.]
39...Nf5 Hoping for ...e5-e4. **40.Ke2?** -3.75/23
[40.c4 -2.24/20 dxc4 41.Ne4]
40...h5 41.Kd3 h4 42.c4 Rd8 43.Be1 dxc4+ 44.Kxc4 Rd1 45.Bc3 Rd6 46.b5 -4.51/23
[⌓46.Kb5 -3.12/21]
46...Rxa6 47.Nxa6 Endgame. KRN-KBN **47...e4 48.fxe4 Rxe4+** -1.69/22
[⌓48...Nd6+ -3.65/24 49.Kd3 Nxb5 *(49...Nxe4 50.Bb4=)*]
49.Kd3? -5.20/23
[49.Kc5 -1.69/22 was the crucial defense.]
49...Re3+ Black is clearly winning. **50.Kc2 Rh3 51.Bb4 Rxh2+ 52.Kc3 h3 53.b6 axb6 54.axb6 Rg2** (→ ...h3-h2) **55.b7 Rg8 56.Ba5 h2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=0.38
0-1

C09
□ **Martinez Alcantara,Jose Eduardo**
■ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**
Madrid Clash of Claims m blitz (15)
[Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Qe7+** is now more promising than 6...Bd6. im Vergleich zu 6...Ld6 vielversprechender. **7.Be2 Nf6 8.0-0 Qc7 9.c4 cxd4** The position is equal. **10.Nb3** Black must now prevent c4xd5. **10...Be7**
[10...dxc4 keeps more tension. 11.Nbxd4 Bc5 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Ne5 Qd5]
11.Nfxd4 aiming for Nd4-b5. **11...0-0 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.a3N**
[Vorgänger: 14.Bd2 Qb6 0.45/21 *(14...a5=* 0.00/22 *)* 15.Na5 0.04/21 *(15.Ba5±* 0.45/21 should be considered. *Qb7 16.Bf3)* 15...Qxb2= 16.Nxc6 Threatens to win with Be2-c4. Bf6 17.Rc1 Be6 18.Rc2 Qb7 19.Na5 Qd7 20.Nb3 1-0 Smirin,I (2595)-Psakhis,L (2453) ISR-chT Israel 2021 (8.2)]
[14.Qc2 Nb4 15.Qc3 a5 16.a3 Bf6 17.Qc5 Be7 18.Qc3 Bf6 19.Qc5 Nd5 20.Qc2 Qb6 21.Nd2 Rb8 22.Nc4 Qc5 23.Bd3 h6 24.Bd2 Ba6 25.Rac1 Bxc4 26.Qxc4 Qxc4 27.Rxc4 Rxb2 28.Bxa5 Rb3 ½-½ Martinez Alcantara,J (2612)-Kramnik,V (2753) Madrid Clash of Claims m blitz 2024 (13)]
14...Rb8 15.Qc2 Qb6 16.Nd2 Nf4 17.Bc4 Be6 18.Nf3 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 Ng6 20.b4
[20.Be3 feels hotter. Qxb2 21.Bxa7 Ra8 22.Rfb1]

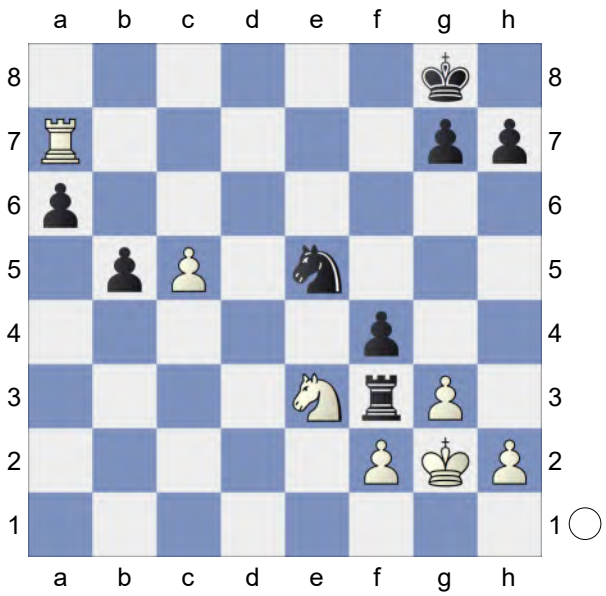
20...Qb5 21.Qxb5
[21.Qc2 with more complications. c5 22.bxc5 Bxc5 23.a4]
21...cxb5 22.Be3 a6 23.Rac1 Rbc8 24.g3 Rfd8 25.Bb6 Re8 26.Rfd1 f6 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Rd7 Rc3 29.Nd4 Rxa3 30.Nf5 Bf8 31.Bc5 Rf3? 3.97/29
[31...a5= 0.04/28]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
32.Ne3!+- f5 33.Kg2 f4 34.Ra7
[Not 34.Kxf3 Ne5+ 35.Kxf4 Nxd7 36.Bxf8 Kxf8±]
[Stronger than 34.Bxf8 fxe3 35.Kxf3 Ne5+ 36.Kxe3 Nxd7=]
34...Bxc5 35.bxc5 Endgame. KRN-KRN
35...Ne5

(Diagram)

36.Ng4 Deflection **36...fxg3**
[36...Rc3 37.Nxe5]
37.Nxe5 Rxf2+ 38.Kxg3 KRN-KR
38...Rf8 39.Rxa6 Re8 40.Kf4 Kf8 41.Rb6 Rc8 42.Rxb5 Ke7 43.Ke4 Ra8 44.Kd5 Rd8+ 45.Kc4 Ke6 46.Nc6 Ra8 47.Nd4+ Ke5 48.c6+ Kd6 49.Rd5+ Kc7 50.Kc5 White mates.

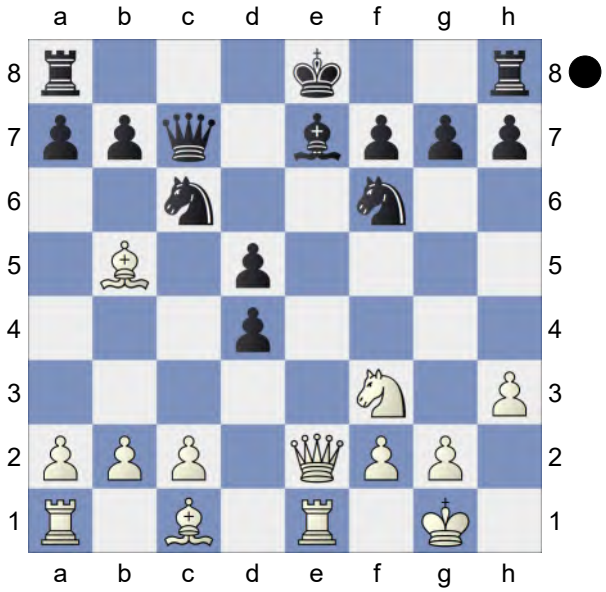


50...Ra1 51.Nb5+ Kc8 52.Kb6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.39
1-0

C09
□ **Martinez Alcantara,Jose Eduardo**
■ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**
Madrid Clash of Claims m blitz (18)
[Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Qe7+!** is currently scoring better than 6...Bd6. wohl besser als 6...Ld6.
7.Be2 Nf6 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Re1 cxd4 White is slightly better. **10.Bb5+ Be7 11.Qe2 Bg4**
[11...a6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Nxd4 Ra7 14.Qe5 c5 15.Nf5 Qxe5 16.Rxe5 Bxf5 17.Rxf5 0-0 18.b3 a5 19.a4 g6 20.Re5 Bd6 21.Re1 Rc8 22.Bb2 Nd7 23.Rad1 Bf8 24.Nb1 Nb6 25.Nc3 Rd7 26.Nb5 ½-½ Mamedov,R (2678)-Harikrishna, P (2733) 33rd ECC Open 2017 (7.1)]

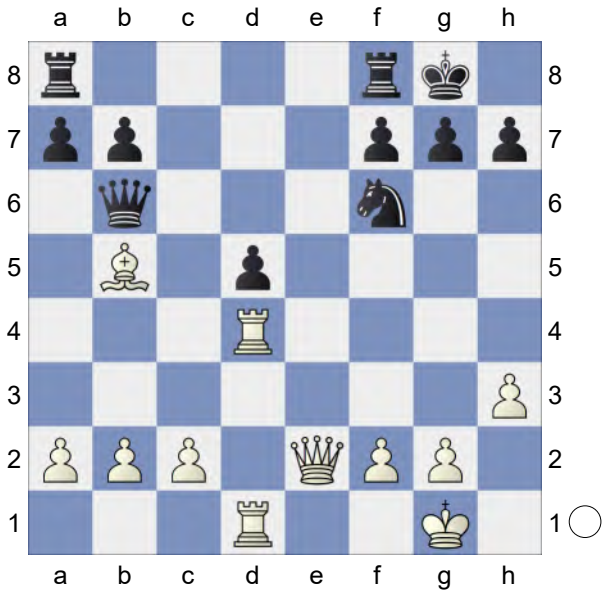
12.h3N
[12.Qe5 Qxe5 13.Nxe5 Bd7 14.Nd3 Kd8 15.Nb3 Re8 16.Bf4 Ne4 17.f3 Nd6 18.Rxe7 Kxe7 19.Re1+ Be6 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Nxd4 Rac8 22.Nc5 Nb5 23.Ndb3 Kf8 24.a4 Nc7 25.Nd4 Kg8 26.Kf2 h6 0-1 Martinez Alcantara,J (2612)-Kramnik,V (2753) Madrid Clash of Claims m blitz 2024 (22)]
12...Bxf3 13.Nxf3



Strongly threatening Bc1-f4! **13...Ne4 14.Nxd4** aiming for Bb5xc6+. **14...0-0 15.Be3 Nxd4 16.Bxd4** This pair of bishops is nice. **16...Bc5 17.Bxc5N**
[Vorgänger: 17.Rad1 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 Nf6 19.Red1 Qb6

(Diagram)

20.c3! h6 21.Ba4 Rad8 22.Bb3 Rde8 23.Qf3 0.41/22 ;1-0 Radeva,V (2275)-Gocheva,R (2059) Pleven Bulgaria Champs (Women) 2018 (6) *(*White should play *23.Qc2±* 0.82/21 *)*]
17...Qxc5 18.Bd3 0.14/23
[18.Ba4± 0.50/23 is superior.]
18...Rfe8= 19.Qe3 Qxe3 20.Rxe3 Nc5



21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 Endgame. KRB-KRN **22.Rd1 g6 23.Kf1 Kg7 24.Be2 Rd8 25.Bf3**
[25.Bc4!?]
25...d4 26.Ke2 b6 27.Kd2 f5 28.Re1 Kf6 Wards off Re1-e7 **29.h4 h6 30.g3 g5 31.hxg5+ hxg5 32.b4 Nd7 33.Rh1 Ne5 34.Be2 Kg7** Prevents Rh1-h6. **35.Bd3 Rf8 36.f4 gxf4 37.gxf4 Ng6 38.Rg1 Kf6 39.Rg5 Nxf4 40.Rxf5+ Ke7 41.Rg5 Kd6 42.Bc4 Rc8 43.Bb3 Rh8 44.Bc4 Rh2+ 45.Kc1 d3 46.cxd3 Ne2+** 0.50/28
[46...a6= 0.00/28]
47.Kd2 0.04/24
[47.Kb2!± 0.50/28 was preferrable.]
47...Nd4+ 0.47/30
[47...a6= 0.04/24]
48.Kc3± Ne2+ 49.Kb2 Nd4+ 50.Kb1 0.00/32
[50.Ka3± 0.38/24 Nc2+ 51.Ka4]
50...Nf3 The position is equal. **51.Rd5+ Kc6 52.b5+ Kc7 53.Kc1 Nd2 54.Rd4 Nxc4 55.Rxc4+=** KR-KR **55...Kd6 56.a4 Kd5 57.Rc7 Kd4 58.Rxa7 Kxd3 59.Ra6 Kc3 60.Kd1 Kb4 61.Rxb6** Threatens to win with Rb6-a6. **61...Kxa4 62.Rb8 Ka5 63.b6 Ka6 64.b7 Rb2**

65.Ra8+ Kxb7 66.Rd8 Rb6 67.Rd2 Kc7 68.Rc2+ Rc6 69.Kc1 Rxc2+ 70.Kxc2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

C03
□ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2650**
■ **So,Wesley** **2757**
Titled Tuesday intern op 09th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Bd3 c5 5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Qe2 0-0 7.Ngf3 a5 8.0-0 Na6 9.e5** The position is equal. **9...Nd7 10.Nb3**
[10.c3 Naxc5 11.Bb5 f6 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Nb3 Nxb3 14.axb3 e5 15.Bxd7 Bxd7 16.Nxe5 Re8 17.Bf4 Bf5 18.Rfe1 Ra6 19.Qd2 Rae6 20.Nf3 Be4 21.Nd4 Bxd4 22.Qxd4 Bc2 23.Rxe6 Rxe6 24.b4 a4 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2652)-Shirov,A (2673) 42nd Olympiad 2016 (4.7)]
[10.c4 Naxc5 11.Bc2 b6 12.Nd4 Bb7 13.cxd5 Bxd5 14.Nb1 Bb7 15.Rd1 Qc7 16.Bf4 Ba6 17.Qe3 Rfd8 18.Nc3 Nf8 19.Rac1 Rac8 20.a3 Bb7 21.Ncb5 Qb8 22.Nd6 Bxd6 23.exd6 Ncd7 24.Nb5 Rc5 ½-½ Bellia,F (2393)-Valsecchi,A (2487) ITA-chT GpA playoff 54th 2023 (1)]
10...a4 11.Nbd4 Naxc5N Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
[11...Ndxc5 12.Re1 Nxd3 13.cxd3 Nc5 14.a3 Qd7 15.Bg5 b6 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Nc6 Qd7 18.Nfd4 Bb7 19.Nb4 f5 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Qe5 Raf8 22.f3 Rg6 23.Re3 Qd8 24.f4 Rgf6 25.g3 Rf5 26.Nxf5 0-1 Peters,J (2350)-Abrahamyan,T (2304) Century West Open 2013 (4)]
12.Bd2 Qc7N 0.58/20
[Vorgänger: 12...Nxd3 13.cxd3 Nc5 14.Rac1 h6 15.h4 Qd7 16.h5 b6 17.Rc3 Ba6 18.Qe3 Rae8 19.Rfc1 Bb7 20.Qf4 Kh8 0.80/22 *(20...Rc8± 0.33/21 might be stronger.)* 21.Nh4? -3.78/22 *(21.b4± 0.80/22)* 21...Bg5 0-1 Sokac,M (2185)-Muha,M (2277) CRO-chT U20 25th 2016 (4.1)]
[12...Nxd3= 0.13/23 13.cxd3 Qb6]
13.h4 0.03/24
[13.Bb4± 0.58/20]
13...h6 0.42/21
[13...f6= 0.03/24]
14.Rae1 b6 0.74/23
[14...Qb6= 0.28/21]
15.h5 0.33/24
[15.Nb5± 0.74/23 Qb7 16.b3]
15...Ba6 16.Bxa6 Rxa6 0.91/23
[16...Nxa6± 0.42/24 17.g4 Nac5]
17.c4 dxc4 18.Qxc4 Raa8 19.Nb5 Qb7 20.Qg4 Kh7 21.Bc3 Rad8 22.Rd1 0.10/22 Against Qb7-d5
[22.Re3± 0.83/20]
22...Qe4= 23.Qg3
[23.Qxe4+ simplifies Nxe4 24.Rfe1 Nxc3 25.bxc3 Nb8 26.Na7]
23...Qf5 1.21/27
[23...Qc4= 0.18/21 24.Nd6 Bxd6 25.exd6 *(25.Rxd6? Ne4-+)* 25...Nf6]
24.Nbd4 -0.10/19
[24.Nfd4!± 1.21/27 Qe4 25.Rfe1]
24...Qxh5 25.Nc6 Rde8
[25...Ne4? 26.Qh2 Qxh2+ 27.Nxh2±]
26.Rd4 Prevents Nc5-e4 **26...Qf5** 0.61/20
[26...f5= -0.30/24]
27.Rf4 0.13/22
[27.Re1± 0.61/20

is more appropriate.]

27...Qd3 1.42/23

[27...Ne4? 28.Qh2 Qg6 29.Nxe7 Rxe7 30.Rxe4+- *(30.Nh4 Qh5+-)*]

[27...Qh5= 0.13/22]

28.Rd4 0.44/23

[28.Rg4± 1.42/23]

28...Qf5 29.Rf4 Qd3 1.44/21

[29...Ne4? 30.Qh2 Qg6 31.Nxe7 Rxe7 32.Rxe4+- *(32.Nh4 Qh5+-)*]

[29...Qh5= 0.16/21]

30.Rd4 0.00/20

[30.Rg4± 1.44/21]

30...Qb5 1.26/26

[30...Qf5!= 0.00/20]

31.Nxe7!± Rxe7 32.Rfd1! Qe2 1.93/24

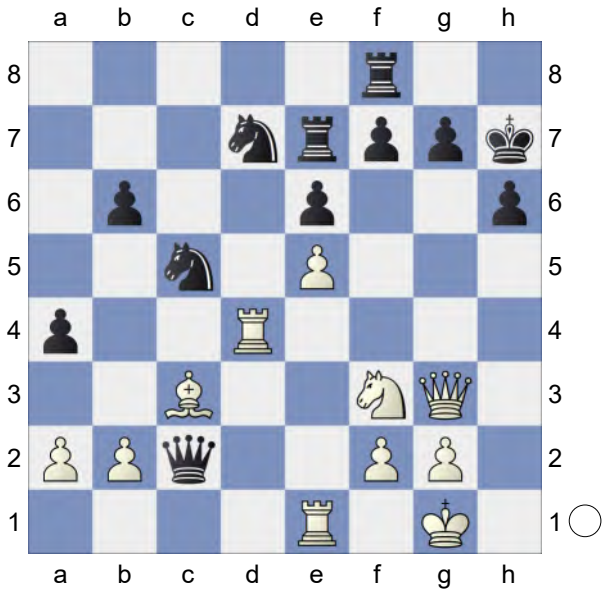
[32...a3± 1.34/20 was worth a try.]

33.Re1 0.92/25

[33.R1d2!+- 1.93/24 is the precise move to win. Qb5 34.Rh4]

33...Qc2 1.50/19

[⌓33...Qb5 0.92/25]



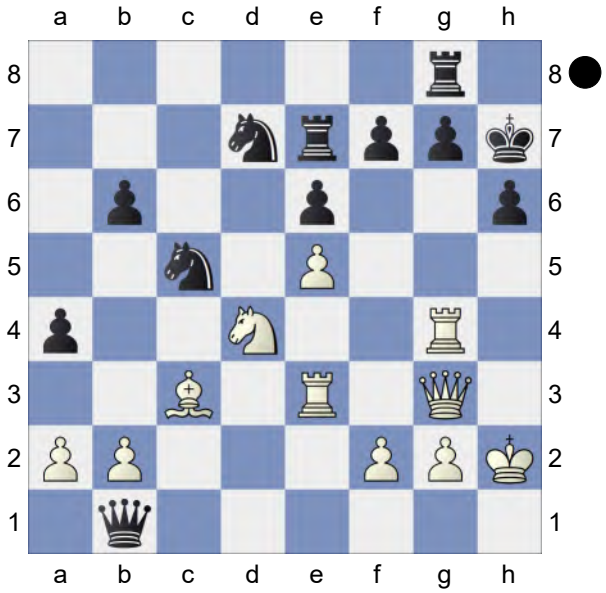
34.Rg4! White has strong compensation.

34...Rg8 35.Nd4? 0.00/20

[35.Qh4+- 1.86/20 f5 36.exf6 gxf6 37.Rxg8 Kxg8 38.Bxf6 Nxf6 39.Qxf6]

35...Qd3= 36.Re3 Qb1+ 37.Kh2 -1.49/25

[37.Re1!= 0.00/20 Qxa2 38.Nc6]



37...Ree8? 0.36/23

[37...f5!∓ -1.49/25 38.Nc6 *(38.exf6 Nxf6 39.Rh4 g5∓)* 38...fxg4 39.Nxe7 Re8]

38.Rf3 -0.34/23

[Better is 38.Nf3± 0.36/23 g5 39.Qh3]

38...Ref8 Threatens to win with ...f7-f5!

39.Bd2? -3.42/20

[39.Nb5!= -0.23/24]

39...Ne4-+

[39...Qxb2 40.Bxh6 gxh6 41.Rxg8 Rxg8 42.Rxf7+ Kh8 43.Qh4+-]

40.Qf4 Black must now prevent Rg4xg7+! **40...Nxd2 41.Rh3** -5.84/20

[⌓41.Qxd2 -4.04/19 Nxe5 *(41...Qxa2? too greedy. 42.Rh3+-)* 42.Rh4 Nxf3+ 43.Nxf3]

41...Nf1+ Black is clearly winning.

[And not 41...Qxb2 42.Rxg7+ Rxg7 43.Qxh6+ Kg8 44.Qh8#]

42.Kg1 Rg4xg7+! would kill now.

42...Ne3+ 43.Kh2 Nf1+ 44.Kg1 White threatens Rg4xg7+! and mate.

44...Ne3+ 45.Kh2 Intending Rg4xg7+! and mate. **45...Nxg4+ 46.Qxg4 Nxe5 47.Qf4 Ng6 48.Qg3 Qe4 49.Nf3 f6** Inhibits Nf3-g5+. Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.42
0-1

C06
□ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2651**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2727**
Wch Blitz Samarkand (11) 29.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Nf3 Bd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bf4 Bxf4 13.Nxf4 Ng4** has lost popularity (13...Ne4). verliert an Beliebtheit (13...Se4). **14.g3 g5 15.Ng2 e5N** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
[15...Qf6 16.Be2 Nh6 *(16...Qh6 17.h4 gxh4 18.Ngxh4 Bd7 19.Qc1 Qxc1 20.Raxc1 a6 21.Ng2 Rac8 22.Nf4 Nh6 23.Bd3 Nf5 24.Bxf5 Rxf5 25.Rfe1 Rff8 26.Kg2 Rfe8 27.Nd3 b6 28.Nde5 Nxe5 29.Nxe5 Bb5 30.Kf3 Kg7 31.Ke3* 1-0 Alex Geerjanan,N-Newman,C Bagneux Librairie Saint Germain 1982 (7.4)*)*
17.Qd2 Nf5 18.Rad1
A) 18...h6 19.Ne3 *(19.h4 g4 20.Ne5 Ncxd4 21.Nxg4 Qg7 22.N4e3 Nxe2+ 23.Qxe2 Nd4 24.Qg4 Nf3+ 25.Kh1 d4* Annakov,B (2380)-Seferjan,N (2345) Moscow 70/(271) 1997*)*
19...Bd7 20.Nxf5 exf5 21.Bb5 f4 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Ne5 Bh3 24.Rfe1 Rae8 25.Rc1 fxg3 26.fxg3 c5 27.Qc2 cxd4 28.Nf3 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Kh8 0-1 Ginsburg,G (2435)-Svistunov,K (2490) Pinsk 1993;
B) 18...g4 19.Ne5 Ncxd4 20.Nxg4 Qg7 Renet,O (2455)-Hertneck,G (2450) 44/(328) Altensteig 1987]
16.Nxe5 Ngxe5 The position is equal.
17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Be2 Dodges Bc8-g4
18...Bf5 19.Qd4↑ White has the initiative. **19...Nc6N**
[Vorgänger: 19...Qd6 20.Rfd1 Black should prevent Ng2-e3! Rad8! 21.Rac1 Be4 And now ...Be4-f3 would win. 22.Ne1 Nc6 23.Qc5 Qf6 24.f3 Qxb2 25.Bf1 Bg6 26.Rxd5 Rxd5 27.Qxd5+ Kg7! 28.Qc5 Rf5 29.Qc3+ ½-½ Tiviakov,S (2615)-Ulybin,M (2453) Groningen op 57th 2019 (6)]
20.Qd2 d4 21.Rad1 Qf6 0.80/19
[21...Rc8= 0.20/19 keeps the balance.]
22.h4 0.17/22
[22.f4± 0.80/19]
22...h6 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.f4 g4 1.21/20
[24...Qd6± 0.44/21]
25.Nh4!± Rae8 26.Bc4+ 0.59/20
[26.Nxf5!± 1.49/23 Qxf5 27.Bd3]
26...Be6± 27.Qe2 0.00/22
[27.Bd3± 0.73/19]
27...Kg7 1.10/19 Prevents Nh4-g6
[27...Bxc4= 0.00/22 28.Qxc4+ Qe6 29.Qxe6+ Rxe6]
28.Bxe6 0.00/29
[White should play 28.Rde1± 1.10/19 Bd7 29.Qd1]
28...Qxe6= 29.Qb5 Qe3+ 30.Kh1 Qe4+
[30...Qxg3!? 31.Qg5+□ *(31.Qxb7+? Ne7-+)* 31...Kf7 32.Qf5+ Ke7 33.Ng6+ Kd8 34.Nxf8 Qh3+ 35.Kg1

Qg3+ 36.Kh1 Qh3+ 37.Kg1 Qe3+ *(37...Qg3+ 38.Kh1=)* 38.Rf2 Qg3+ 39.Kh1 *(39.Rg2 Re1+ 40.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 41.Kh2 Qh4+ 42.Kg1 Qe1+ 43.Kh2 Qh4+ 44.Kg1 Qe1+=)* 39...Qh3+ 40.Kg1 Qg3+ 41.Kh1 *(41.Rg2 Re1+ 42.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 43.Kh2 Qh4+ 44.Kg1 Qe1+ 45.Kh2 Qh4+ 46.Kg1 Qe1+=)* 41...Qh3+ 42.Kg1 Qg3+=]

31.Kg1 Qe3+ 32.Kh1 Qxg3 33.Qg5+

[33.Qxb7+? Ne7 34.Rxd4 Qh3+ *(34...Qxh4+? 35.Kg1-+)* 35.Kg1 Qe3+ *(35...Qxh4? 36.f5-+)* 36.Kh1 Qxd4-+]

33...Kf7 aiming for ...Re8-e2. **34.Qd5+ Re6** Dancing on a razor blade. **35.Qh5+** -4.17/25

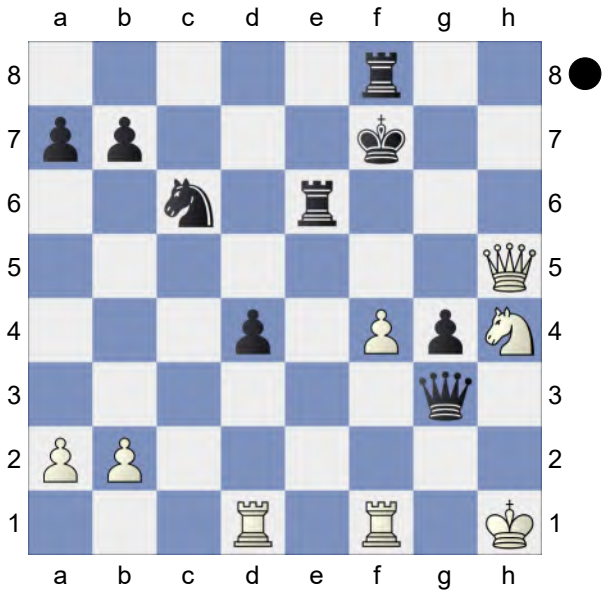
[35.Qf5+= 0.00/22 Kg7 *(35...Rf6? 36.Qh7+* Skewer *Ke8 37.Rd3+-)* 36.Qg5+ *(36.Qxe6 Qxh4+ 37.Kg2 Qh3+ 38.Kf2 g3+* Discovered Attack *39.Kf3 Qxe6 40.Rfe1 Ne5+ 41.Ke4 Qf5+ 42.Kxd4 Qxf4+ 43.Re4 Nc6+* Deflection *44.Kc3 Qxe4 45.Rd7+ Kh8 46.Rd3 Qb4+ 47.Kc2 Rf2+ 48.Kd1 Qxb2)* 36...Kh7 37.Rf3 Re1+ *(37...gxf3? 38.Qxg3 Rg8 39.Qxf3+-)* 38.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 39.Kh2 Qe2+ *(39...gxf3 40.Qh5+ Kg8 41.Qg6+ Kh8 42.Qh5+ Kg7 43.Qg6+ Kh8 44.Qh6+ Kg8 45.Qg6+ Kh8=)* 40.Kg1]

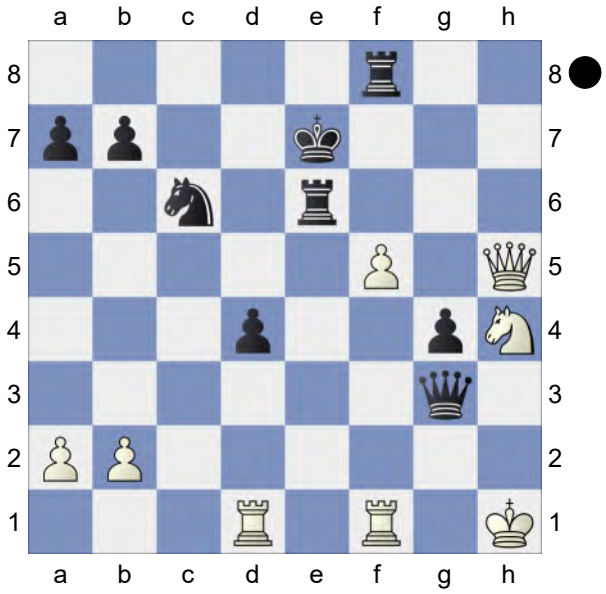
(Diagram)

35...Ke7!-+ 36.f5

(Diagram)

Hoping for Nh4-g6+. **36...Re2! 37.Ng6+ Kd8 38.Qh4+?** -7.73/17





[38.Nf4 -3.91/22 Rf2 *(38...Rxb2? 39.Rd3+-)* 39.Qh6]

38...Qxh4+ Deflection **39.Nxh4 Rh8 40.f6 Rxh4+ 41.Kg1 Ke8**

[41...Rxb2 42.f7 Rh8 *(42...Rxa2 43.f8Q+ Kd7 44.Qf7+ Kd8 45.Qd5+ Kc8 46.Qe6+ Kc7 47.Rf7+ Kb6 48.Rb1+* Skewer *)* 43.f8R+ Rxf8 44.Rxf8+ Ke7 45.Rf2 Rxf2 46.Kxf2-+]

42.Rf5 Kf7

[42...Rxb2? is the wrong capture. 43.f7+ Kf8 44.Re1+-]

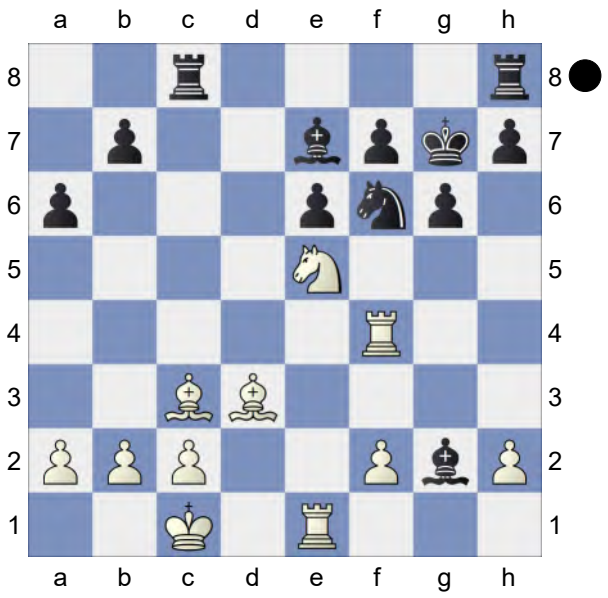
43.Rdf1 Rhh2 44.R1f4 g3 (→ ...Re2-e1+) **45.Rg5 Reg2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.95/Black=0.14 (very precise)
0-1

C10
□ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2651**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2723**
Gashimov Memorial Blitz 9th (7)
[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Be3** 7.c3 is the modern continuation. 7.c3 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **7...Be7 8.Bb5+N** 0.27/22
[8.Bd3± 0.65/20 deserves consideration. 0-0 9.Qe2 *(9.h4 b6 10.Ng5 Bb7 11.Qd2 Qd5 12.f3 c5 13.c4 Qd8 14.0-0-0 a5 15.Qc2 Nd5 16.Bxh7+ Kh8 17.cxd5 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Bxd5 19.Bg8 Rc8 20.Bc3 f5 21.Bxe6* 1-0 Suchsland,H (1780)-Rubertus,W (1790) Hessen-ch Seniors 2002 (9)*)* 9...b6 10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.Ne5 *(11.Kb1 Nd5 12.h4 h6 13.Rh3 Qd6 14.Bxh6 gxh6 15.Ne5 Bf6 16.Rg3+ Kh8 17.Qh5 Bg7 18.Nxf7+ Rxf7 19.Qxf7 Rg8 20.Rg6 Qe7 21.Qxe7 Nxe7 22.Rxe6 Nd5 23.g3 Bc8 24.Ree1 Bg4 25.Be2 Bf5* 1-0 Zhu,H (2340)-Zhang,H (1956) CHN-chT Div-B 2024 (8.2)*)* 11...c5 12.dxc5 Qc7 13.f4 Bxc5 14.Rhe1 Bxe3+ 15.Qxe3 Rad8 16.Kb1 Qc5 17.Qh3 g6 18.g4 Rd5 19.Qh4 Kg7 20.Qg3 Rfd8 21.f5 exf5 22.gxf5 Nh5 23.Qh4 1-0 Pichot,A (2638)-Fernandez Borrego,P (2393) ESP-ch Blitz 2024 (5)]
[8.c3 0-0 9.Ne5 c5 10.Bd3 cxd4 11.Bxd4 Qc7 12.0-0 b6 13.Qf3 Bb7 14.Qh3 Be4 15.Rad1 Bxd3 16.Rxd3 Bc5 17.Qg3 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 Rfd8 19.Rfd1 Rxd4 20.Rxd4 Nd5 21.c4 Rc8 22.h3 Nf6 1-0 4.e3 ♗b4 5. ♘d5_37927 (2443)-9. ♗d3 ♘c6 10. ♘bd2_192 (2411) Tuzla 1983 (10)]
8...Bd7= **9.Bd3 Nd5** White is slightly better. **10.Ne5 Bd6 11.Bd2 c5N**
[Vorgänger: 11...Qh4 12.Qf3 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Bc6 14.Qg3 Qxg3 15.hxg3 h6 16.Ke2 0-0-0 17.Rh5 Rd7 18.g4 Rhd8 ½-½ Rudolf,A (2324)-Castellanos,J (2191) Madrid-chT 1213 Honor 2012 (11.34)]
12.Qh5
[12.Qg4 simplifies Bxe5 13.dxe5 Qc7 14.0-0-0]
12...g6 13.Qf3 Qf6 14.Qxf6 Nxf6 15.Nc4 Be7 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Bc3 Be7 18.0-0-0 Bc6 19.Ne5 -0.38/21
[19.f3= 0.21/23]
19...Bxg2∓ 20.Bb5+ Kf8 21.Rhe1 -0.63/22
[21.Rhg1= -0.10/24 Bd5 22.Nd7+ Kg7 23.Rxd5 exd5 24.Re1]
21...Kg7! 22.Rd4 -1.83/19
[22.Nd7!∓ -0.57/19]
22...a6 -1.46/22
[22...Nd5-+ -1.83/19 ...Nd5xc3 would now be deadly. 23.Ba5 Rac8]
23.Bd3∓ Rac8 24.Rf4 -1.82/22
[24.Rg1∓ -1.46/19 might work better. Bd5 25.Bb4 Bxb4 26.Rxb4]

(Diagram)

24...g5 -0.37/21
[24...Rhf8!-+ -1.82/22 25.Bd2 Rfd8]
25.Ra4? -2.21/23



[Only move: 25.Rg1!∓ -0.37/21 Rxc3 *(25...gxf4 26.Rxg2+ Kf8 27.Nd7+ Nxd7 28.Bg7+ Ke8 29.Bxh8=)* 26.Rxg2]

25...h6 26.h4 Nd5↑ White is under strong pressure. **27.Bd2 f6** -0.17/23

[27...gxh4? 28.Rg4+ Bg5 29.Rxg2+-]

[Black should play 27...Bh3∓ -1.31/22 aiming for ...Rh8-d8. 28.Rg1 f5]

28.Ng4? -2.55/23

[28.Ng6= -0.17/23 Rhd8 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.Nxe7 Nxe7 31.Rxe6 Rxd3 32.Rxe7+ Kg6 33.f4]

28...gxh4 29.Rxe6 Strongly threatening Ng4-e3. **29...Kf7?** 0.00/24

[Black should try 29...h3-+ -1.99/21 Hoping for ...h6-h5. 30.Bc4 Bc5 31.Bxd5 Remove Defender Bxd5 32.Rxf6 h2 33.Bxh6+ Rxh6 Promotion 34.Rxh6 h1Q+ *(34...h1R+? 35.Rxh1 Bxh1 36.Rf4-+)* 35.Rxh1 Bxh1]

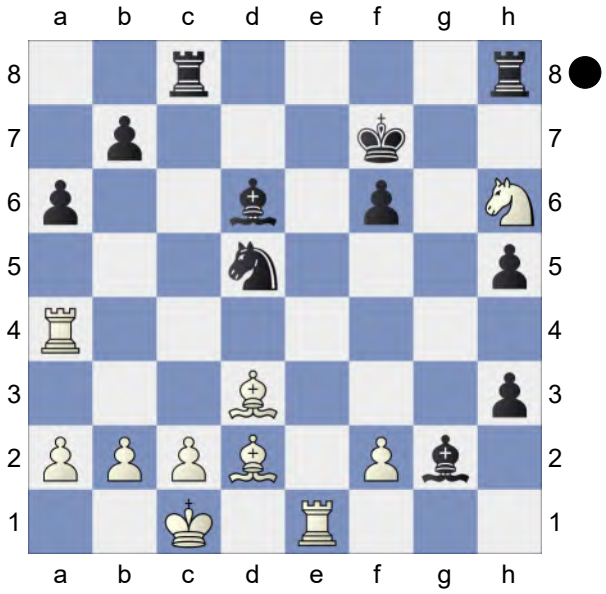
30.Re1 h3 Threatens to win with ...Be7-d6. Some like it hot **31.Nh2?** -2.99/22

[31.Bf5!= -0.03/20 Nb6 *(31...h5 32.Nh6+ Kg7 33.Rg1±)* 32.Rd4 *(32.Nxh6+ Rxh6 33.Rg4 Rhh8-+)*]

31...Bd6-+ 32.Ng4 h5

[32...h2 33.Nxh2 Bxh2 34.Rh4-+]

33.Nh6+



Rxh6! 34.Bxh6 Re8 -1.60/21

[34...h2 35.Rh4 Nb4 *(35...h1B 36.Be2±; 35...Rh8 36.Bd2∓)* 36.Be2 Nxc2 *(36...Nxa2+ 37.Kb1±; 36...Rxc2+? 37.Kd1-+)* 37.Bxh5+ Kg8 38.Bg4 *(38.Re8+? Rxe8 39.Bxe8 Nb4-+)* 38...Nxe1+ 39.Bxc8-+]

[34...Rh8 35.Bd2 Bc5 *(35...h2 36.Rh4=)* 36.Be3 Nxe3 37.fxe3-+]

[34...Nb4-+ -3.54/23 and Black stays clearly on top. 35.Bf5 Re8 36.Rxe8 Kxe8 37.Bxh3 *(37.Bg6+? Ke7-+)* 37...Bxh3]

35.Rd1 -3.73/25

[35.Rxe8∓ -1.60/21 Kxe8 36.Rh4]

35...Nb4

[35...h2? 36.Rh4-+]

36.Bf5 -4.20/23

[⌓36.Bc4+ -2.97/22 Kg6 37.Rxd6 Re1+ *(37...h2 38.Rd1∓)* 38.Kd2 *(38.Rd1? Rxd1+ 39.Kxd1 h2-+)*]

36...Re5?? 1.89/28

[36...h2!-+ -4.20/23 and life is good for Black. ...Bg2-f3! is the strong

threat. 37.Ra3 h1Q *(37...h1B? 38.Rxd6 Re1+ 39.Kd2+-)* 38.Rxh1 Bxh1]

37.Rxd6? -0.63/23

[37.Bxh3+- 1.89/28 Bxh3 38.Rxd6]

37...Rxf5 -0.08/24

[37...h2∓ -0.63/23 38.Rd7+ Ke8]

38.Rd7+? -2.50/27

[38.Rxb4= -0.08/24 and White stays safe. h2 *(38...Rxf2? loses. 39.Rh4+-)* 39.Rd1 *(39.Rd7+? Kg6-+)*]

38...Kg6 39.Rxb4? -5.73/25

[39.Bf8 -2.35/23 was the crucial defense. Rxf2 40.Rxb4]

39...Kxh6 Black is clearly winning.

40.Rh4 Kg5 41.Rhd4 h2 42.Rd1 h1Q Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/ Black=0.57

0-1

C07

□ **Bjerre,Jonas Buhl** **2637**
■ **Santos Latasa,Jaime** **2650**
Bundesliga 2324 (15.5) 28.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6!** The main line 7... bxc6 scores better than 7...Bxc6. Die Hauptvariante 7...bxc6 punktet besser als 7...Lxc6. **8.Bd3 Qc7 9.Qe2 Ne7 10.b3 Ng6 11.g3! Bb4**

[11...Bd6 12.f4 0-0 13.Bb2 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Bb4+ 15.c3 Be7 16.h4 h6 17.0-0-0 f5 18.Nd2 Bf6 19.Nf3 Ne7 20.c4 c5 21.Ne5 Nc6 22.g4 Bxe5 23.fxe5 Nb4 24.Bb1 Bc6 25.gxf5 Bxh1 26.f6 ½-½ Smirin,I (2588)-Mesropov,K (2440) ISR-chT Israel 2024 (8.33)]

12.Bb2 0-0 13.0-0N -0.51/19

[13.f4± 0.31/20]

[13.a3 Bd6 14.f4 c5 15.0-0 *(15.h4 c4 16.bxc4 Ne7* #2 Tarrasch Alternatives,T-10.b3*)* 15...c4 16.bxc4 Qb6+ #1 Tarrasch Alternatives,T-10.b3]

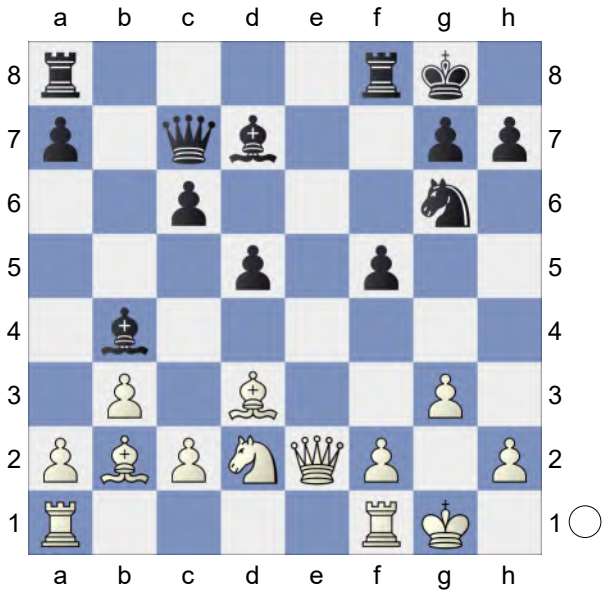
13...f5 0.00/23

[13...e5∓ -0.51/19]

14.exf5N

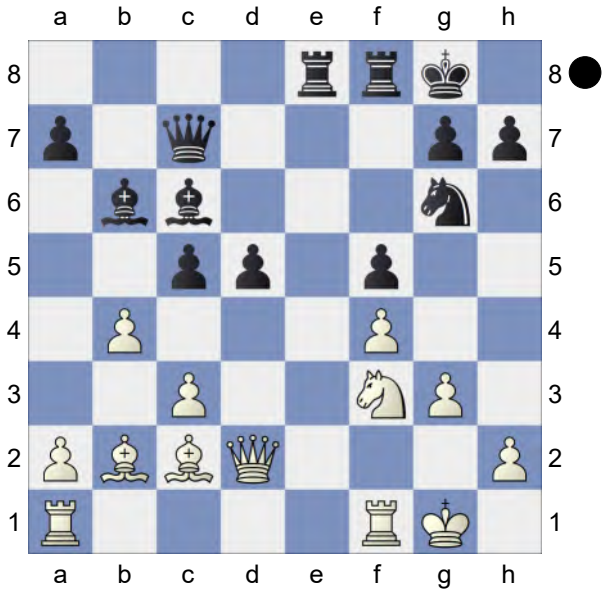
[Vorgänger: 14.e5 -0.33/23 1 4 . a 2 - a 3 0 . 0 6 a5 0.05/22 *(14...Bxd2∓* -0.33/23 *15.Qxd2 c5)* 15.a3 -0.59/24 *(* White should try *15.Nf3=* 0.05/22 *)* 15...Be7 -0.15/23 *(15...Bxd2∓* -0.59/24 *16.Qxd2 c5)* 16.h4 c5 17.h5 -0.95/21 *(17.a4∓* -0.48/18 feels stronger.*)* 17...Nh8∓ 18.c4 -1.52/20 *(⌓18.a4* -0.88/19 *)* 18...d4∓ 19.f4 Nf7 20.g4 -1.67/21 ;0-1 Lintchevski,D (2567)-Swiercz,D (2647) Speed Chess GP3 blitz 2021 (3) *(20.b4∓* -1.19/19 *)*]

14...exf5



...Ra8-e8 is the strong threat. **15.f4 c5 16.c3 Ba5** ...c5-c4! would now be deadly. **17.Nf3 Rae8 18.Qd2 Bb6**

White must now prevent ...c5-c4+. **19.Bc2 Bc6 20.b4**



Deflection **20...cxb4+ 21.Nd4! bxc3 22.Bxc3** -0.58/21

[22.Qxc3= -0.21/23 is more appropriate. Rf7 23.Rf2]

22...Qd7 0.07/19

[22...Ba8∓ -0.58/21 23.Rf2 Ne7]

23.a4!= Ne7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

½-½

C08

□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2795**

■ **Rapport,Richard 2745**

Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd (1)

[Kitty Kat]

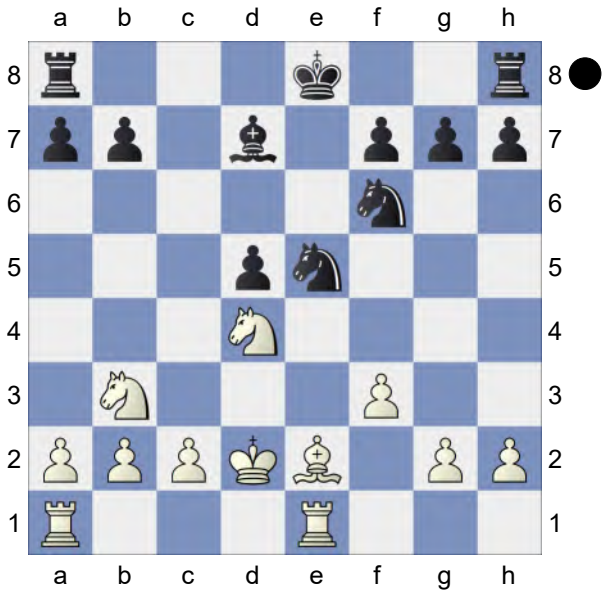
C08: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 sidelines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 cxd4** Recently 6...Qe7+ got a lot of attention. 6...De7+ erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **7.Qe2+ Qe7 8.Nb3N**

[8.Nxd4 Qxe2+ 9.Kxe2 Bd7 10.Nxc6 *(10.N2b3 Nxd4+ 11.Nxd4 Bc5 12.Be3 Bxb5+ 13.Nxb5 Bxe3 14.Kxe3 Kd7 15.Rhd1 Nf6 16.f3 Rhe8+ 17.Kf2 a6 18.Nd4 Re5 19.Rd3 Rae8 20.Rad1 Kc7 21.Rc3+ Kb8 22.Rb3 Rc8 23.g4 Nd7 24.Re3 f6* ½-½ Smirin,I (2676)-Kortschnoj,V (2626) Biel GM 2002 (8)) 10...bxc6 11.Ba6 Bd6 12.Nb3 Nf6 13.Be3 0-0 14.f3 Bc8 15.Bd3 a5 16.a4 Nd7 17.Kf2 g6 18.Rad1 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Nd4 Nc5 21.b3 Ne6 22.Rhe1 Bb4 ½-½ 7.g4 ♘xg4 8.♖g1 f5 (2619)-Mikhailov,S (2580) 32/303 Las Palmas 1981]

8...Qxe2+ 9.Bxe2 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 White is slightly better. **10...Bxd2+ 11.Kxd2 Nf6 12.Nfxd4 Bd7N**

[Predecessor: 12...Ne4+ 13.Ke3 0-0 14.f3 Strongly threatening Nd4xc6. Nd6 15.Kf2 Ne5 16.Nc1 Ndc4 17.b3 Na5 18.Nd3 Nec6 1-0 Sankalp,G (2429)-Fridman,D (2615) PNWCC Online blitz JP 12th 2020 (3)]

13.f3 Ne5 14.Rhe1



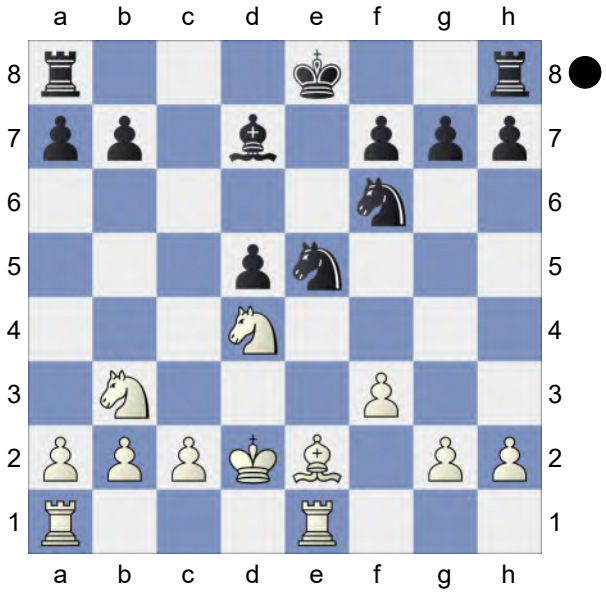
Threatens to win with Be2-d3. **14...0-0-0 15.Nc5 Rhe8 16.b3 Nc6 17.Kc3 Nxd4 18.Kxd4 Bc6 19.a4 a5 20.Nd3 Kc7**

21.Ne5 Re7 22.Bd3 Ne5xc6 is the strong threat. **22...Rde8 23.g3 Nd7** The position is equal. **24.f4** Active counter play! **24...Nf8**
[24...f6!? 25.Nf3□ g6=]
25.Rf1 Ne6+ 26.Kc3! Nc5 27.Rad1 Nxd3 28.Rxd3 f6 29.Nf3 Re2 30.h4 R8e3 31.Nd4 Rxd3+! 32.Kxd3= Endgame. KRB-KRN **32...Rg2 33.Rf3 Bd7 34.Re3 Kd6 35.Kc3 g6 36.Kb2 Kc5 37.Rd3 b6 38.Kc1 Rg1+ 39.Kd2 Rg2+ 40.Kc1 Rg1+ 41.Kd2 Rg2+ 42.Kc1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

C08
□ **Panov Botvinnik Attack** **2795**
■ **Salman,Fatima** **2745**
Simultaneous (Game 7) (1) 06.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C08: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 sidelines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 cxd4 7.Qe2+ Qe7 8.Nb3N**
[8.Nxd4 Qxe2+ 9.Kxe2 Bd7 10.Nxc6 *(10.N2b3 Nxd4+ 11.Nxd4 Bc5 12.Be3 Bxb5+ 13.Nxb5 Bxe3 14.Kxe3 Kd7 15.Rhd1 Nf6 16.f3 Rhe8+ 17.Kf2 a6 18.Nd4 Re5 19.Rd3 Rae8 20.Rad1 Kc7 21.Rc3+ Kb8 22.Rb3 Rc8 23.g4 Nd7 24.Re3 f6* ½-½ Smirin,I (2676)-Kortschnoj,V (2626) Biel GM 2002 (8))* 10...bxc6 11.Ba6 Bd6 12.Nb3 Nf6 13.Be3 0-0 14.f3 Bc8 15.Bd3 a5 16.a4 Nd7 17.Kf2 g6 18.Rad1 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Nd4 Nc5 21.b3 Ne6 22.Rhe1 Bb4 ½-½ 7.g4 ♘xg4 8.♖g1 f5 (2619)-Mikhailov,S (2580) 32/303 Las Palmas 1981]

8...Qxe2+ 9.Bxe2 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 White is slightly better. **10...Bxd2+ 11.Kxd2 Nf6 12.Nfxd4 Bd7 13.f3 Ne5 14.Rhe1**

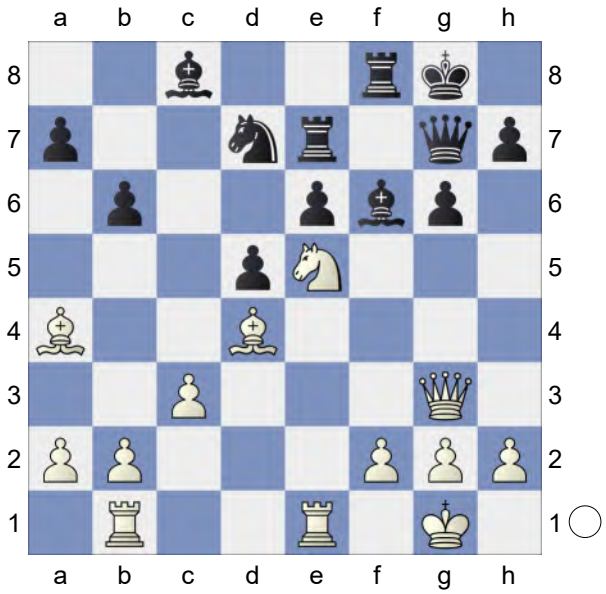


aiming for Be2-d3. **14...0-0-0 15.Nc5 Rhe8 16.b3**
[16.a4 is more complex. Nc6 17.Kc3 Kc7 18.a5]
16...Nc6 17.Kc3 Nxd4 18.Kxd4 Bc6 19.a4 a5 20.Nd3 Kc7 21.Ne5 Re7 22.Bd3 Strongly threatening Ne5xc6. **22...Rde8 23.g3 Nd7** The position is equal. **24.f4** Active counter play! **24...Nf8**
[24...f6!? 25.Nf3□ g6=]
25.Rf1
[25.Nf3 keeps more tension. Kd6 26.Re5 Ne6+ 27.Kc3]
25...Ne6+ 26.Kc3! Nc5 27.Rad1 Nxd3 28.Rxd3 f6 29.Nf3 Re2 30.h4 R8e3 31.Nd4 Rxd3+ 32.Kxd3= Endgame. KRB-KRN **32...Rg2 33.Rf3 Bd7 34.Re3 Kd6 35.Kc3 g6 36.Kb2 Kc5 37.Rd3 b6 38.Kc1 Rg1+ 39.Kd2 Rg2+ 40.Kc1 Rg1+ 41.Kd2 Rg2+ 42.Kc1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) . OK: White=13 Black=13

Strong: White=1 ---
½-½

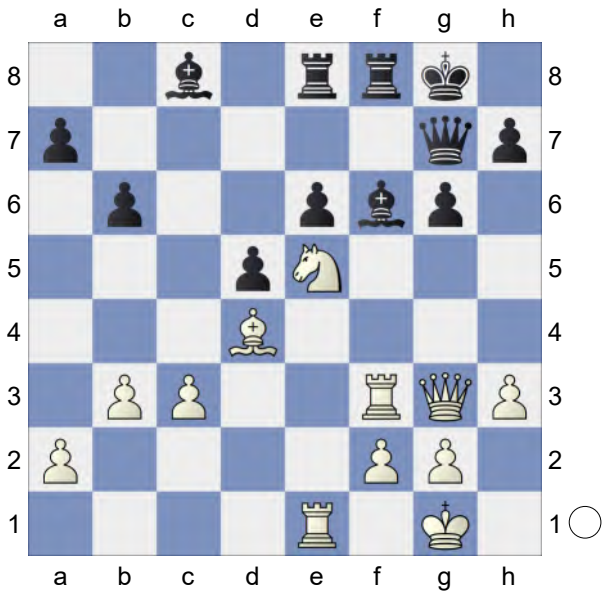
C07
□ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2650**
■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2658**
Chessable Play In Match D3 rapid (1.3)
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.N2f3 Nc6 8.Bf4 Be7 9.Bb5!?** is currently scoring better than 9.c3. A promising side line. wohl besser als 9.c3. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
9...Nxd4N
[Vorgänger: 9...Qc7 10.0-0 a6 Inhibits c2-c4. 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd3 h6 13.Re1 c5 14.c3 Bb7 15.h3 g5 1-0 Matlakov,M (2662)-Bacrot,E (2663) ChessKid Cup Play In blitz 2023 (6)]
[9...Qb6 10.c3 Nc5 11.Rb1 0-0 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Be2 Rac8 14.Re1 a6 15.Bf1 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bb5 17.Nxb5 axb5 18.Be3 Qc6 19.Qg4 Ne4 20.Bh6 g6 21.Bxf8 Bxf8 22.Bd3 Nd2 23.Rbd1 Nc4 24.Re2 1-0 2.d3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4. ♗g2 î (2585)-Krueger,A (2667) 4647 Hastings 1946 (3.3)]
10.Nxd4 White is slightly better.
10...0-0N
[10...a6 11.Bxd7+ Bxd7 12.Qg4 g5 13.Be3 Qc7 14.f4 0-0-0 15.0-0-0 Rhg8 16.Qe2 Kb8 17.Rhf1 Bc5 18.Rf3 g4 19.Rg3 h5 20.Bf2 Rc8 21.Rc3 Qb6 22.Be3 Ba4 23.Qf2 Ka8 24.Kb1 Qa5 25.Rdd3 ½-½ Muzychuk,A (2505)-Lei,T (2548) Norway Chess (Women) 12th 2024 (1)]
11.0-0 Nc5! 12.Re1 Bd7 13.Bf1 Ne4 14.c3 Qb6 15.Rb1 f5 1.15/19
[15...f6± 0.34/19]
16.exf6 0.00/20
[16.f3± 1.15/19]
16...Bxf6 0.69/22
[Better is 16...Nxf2!= 0.00/20 17.Qb3 *(17.Kxf2 Rxf6 18.g3 g5∓* Pin *)* 17...Rxf6 *(17...Bxf6 18.Qxb6* Remove Defender *axb6 19.Nxe6±)*]
17.Be3!± Qc7 18.Bd3 White now steadily converts the win. **18...Nc5 19.Bc2! g6** 1.54/17
[⌓19...a5 0.85/21]
20.Nf3± Rae8 21.Bd4 b6 1.63/23
[21...e5? 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Qxd5+ Be6 24.Qxe5 Qxe5 25.Rxe5 Bxa2 26.Ra1 *(26.Rxc5 Bxb1 27.Bxb1 Rxf3+-)* 26...Rxe5 27.Nxe5+-]
[21...Ne4± 1.27/22]
22.Ne5 Bc8 23.Qg4 Qg7 24.Qg3 Nd7 2.69/21
[⌓24...Bb7 1.87/21 25.Rbd1 Ba6]
25.Ba4+- Re7

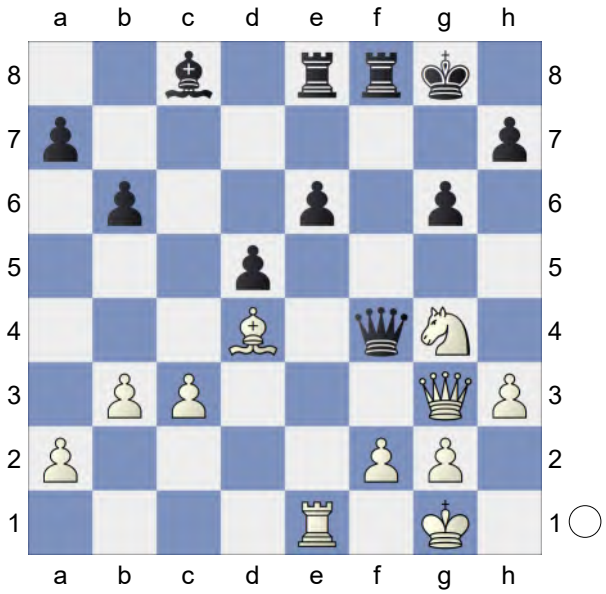


26.Bxd7 Bxd7 27.Re3 Ba4 28.b3 Bb5 29.Rbe1 Ree8 30.h3 Qe7 31.Qg4 Qg7 32.Rf3 Ba6 33.Qg3 Bc8

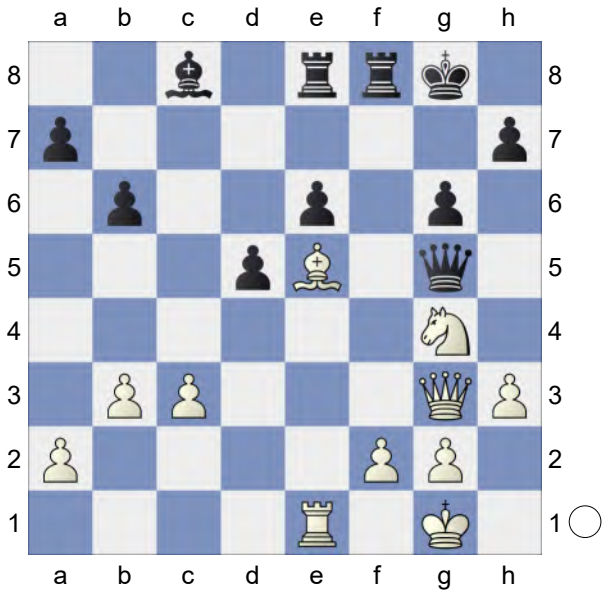
4.13/21
[⌓33...Bxe5 2.89/21 34.Rxe5 *(34.Bxe5 Rxf3 35.Qxf3 Qf7+-)* 34...Rxf3 35.Qxf3 Qf7]



34.Rxf6! Qxf6 35.Ng4 Discovered Attack
[Weaker is 35.Nd7 Qf4 36.Qxf4 *(36.Nxf8 Qxg3 37.fxg3 Rxf8±)* 36...Rxf4 37.Nf6+ Rxf6 38.Bxf6 a5±]
35...Qf4



36.Be5! Qg5



37.Nf6+! Discovered Attack **37...Qxf6 38.Bxf6 Rxf6 39.Re5 Bd7 40.h4 Kf7 41.h5 Rc8 42.Rg5 Be8 43.hxg6+ hxg6 44.Qh3 Kg7 45.Rg4** White is clearly winning. **45...Rf5 46.Rh4 Bf7 47.g4** Prevents Rf5-h5. **47...Re5 48.Rh7+ Kf6 49.Qf3+** Skewer. Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.42
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C07
□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2795**
■ **Ding,Liren** **2788**
World-ch Nepomniachtchi-Ding (7)
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.N2f3 Be7 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.0-0** The position is equal. **10...0-0 11.Qe2 Bb7 12.Bd3 Qc7 13.Qe4 Nf6N**
[13...g6 14.Bh6 Rfd8 15.a3 c5 16.Qg4 Nf6 17.Qg3 Qb6 18.Ne5 Bd6 19.Qf4 Nd5 20.Qxf7+ Kh8

21.Qg7# 1-0 Karjakin,S (2373)-Kukin, G (2305) 83/160 Leon 2001 (5)]

14.Qh4 c5 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.Ne5 Rad8 Wards off Ne5-d7 **17.Rae1 g6**

[17...Ba6!?]

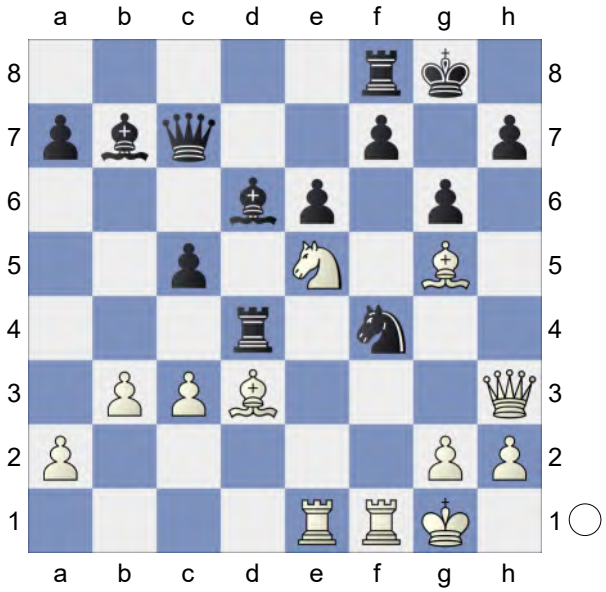
18.Bg5 -0.07/22

[⌓18.Qh3 0.29/22]

18...Rd4!= 19.Qh3 Qc7 20.b3 Nh5 21.f4 Bd6

[21...Bxg5 looks sharper. 22.fxg5 Nf4 23.Qh6 c4]

22.c3 Nxf4!



Remove Defender **23.Bxf4** -0.12/19

[⌓23.Rxf4 0.29/28 Bxe5 24.Bxg6 hxg6 *(24...Rxf4 25.Qxh7#)* 25.cxd4 cxd4 *(25...Bxf4 26.Bf6 Bxh2+ 27.Kh1 Bxg2+ 28.Kxg2)* 26.Rxe5 Qxe5 27.Bf6 Qe1+ *(27...Qxf4 28.Qh8#)* 28.Rf1 Qe3+ 29.Qxe3 dxe3 30.Rc1 *(30.Re1 Rc8=)*]

23...Rxf4 Remove Defender **24.Rxf4 Bxe5** A strong pair of Bishops. **25.Rh4 Rd8 26.Be4!** Black must now prevent Be4xb7.

[26.Rxh7? Rxd3-+ *(26...Bxc3? 27.Bxg6* Pin, Discovered Attack *Bd4+ 28.Kh1+-; 26...Bxc3? 27.Bxg6* Pin, Discovered Attack *Bd4+ 28.Kh1+-)*]

26...Bxe4

[26...Ba6 is interesting. 27.Rxh7 Bg7 28.Qh4 Qd6]

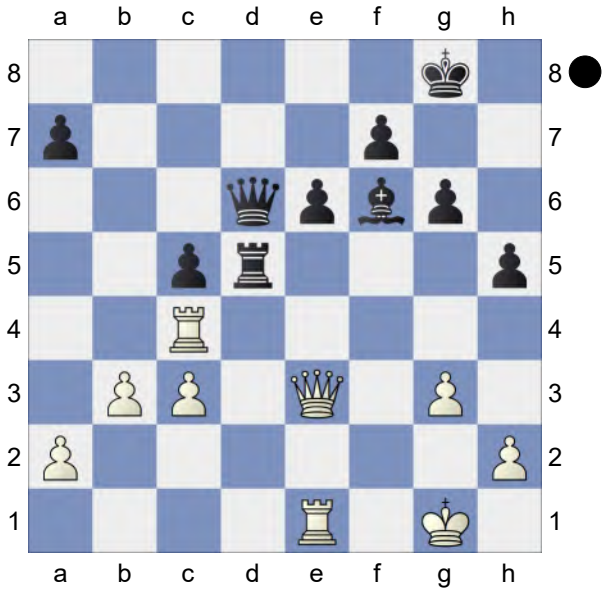
27.Rhxe4 Rd5 28.Rh4 -0.37/23

[28.Rf1= 0.09/23]

28...Qd6∓ ...Rd5-d3 is the strong threat. Black has compensation. **29.Qe3**

[29.Rxh7? too greedy. Rd1 30.Qe3 Kxh7-+]

29...h5 30.g3 Bf6 31.Rc4



h4 -0.10/23 **32.gxh4 Rd2** 0.06/27

[Black should try 32...Be5∓ -0.44/23 33.Qe2 Kg7]

33.Re2

[33.Qg3 feels hotter. Qd5 34.Rf1 Be5 35.Qf3]

33...Rd3 2.21/27

[33...Rd5= 0.00/24]

34.Qxc5+- Rd1+ 3.65/25

[34...Qxc5+ 2.07/20 might work better. 35.Rxc5 Bxc3]

35.Kg2 Qd3 36.Rf2 Kg7 37.Rcf4

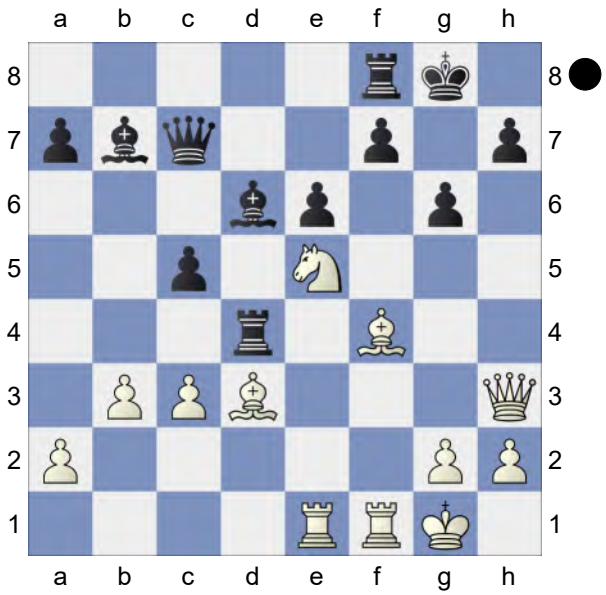
[37.Qxa7? loses. Qd5+ *(37...Bxc3 38.Rxf7+ Kg8 39.Rc8+)* 38.Rf3 Rd2+-+]

37...Qxc3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.28

(precise) . Loses game: ---
Black=1 Mistake: White=3
Black=3 Inaccurate: White=3
Black=3 OK: White=10
Black=11 Best: White=3
Black=1 Strong: White=1
Black=2
1-0

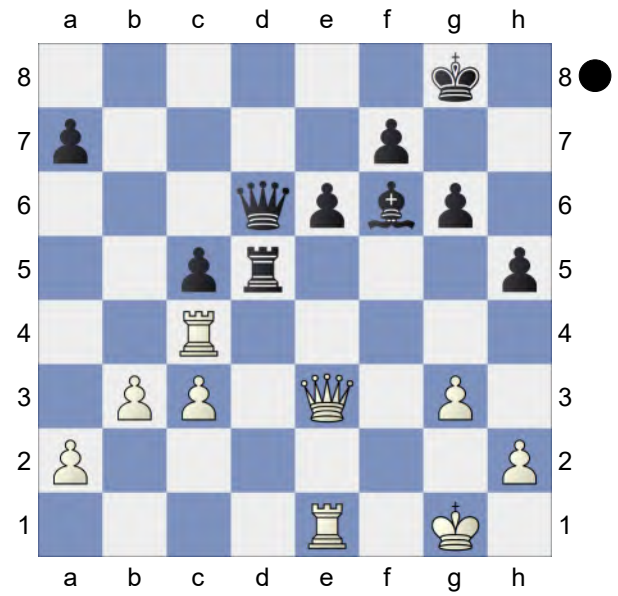
C07
□ **Panov Botvinnik Attack** **2795**
■ **Winter** **2788**
(m/2) 80/185 (7) 18.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.N2f3 Be7 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.0-0** The position is equal. **10...0-0 11.Qe2 Bb7 12.Bd3 Qc7 13.Qe4 Nf6N**
[13...g6 14.Bh6 Rfd8 15.a3 c5 16.Qg4 Nf6 17.Qg3 Qb6 18.Ne5 Bd6 19.Qf4 Nd5 20.Qxf7+ Kh8 21.Qg7# 1-0 Karjakin,S (2373)-Kukin,G (2305) 83/160 Leon 2001 (5)]
14.Qh4 c5 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.Ne5 Rad8 Against Ne5-d7 **17.Rae1** 0.01/23
[17.Rfe1± 0.41/20 deserves consideration.]
17...g6
[17...Ba6!?]
18.Bg5 Rd4! 19.Qh3 Qc7 20.b3 Nh5 21.f4 -0.41/22
[21.Bh6= 0.00/24]
21...Bd6 0.04/23
[21...Bxg5!∓ -0.41/22 22.fxg5 Nf4]
22.c3= Nxf4! Remove Defender **23.Bxf4** -0.11/20
[23.Rxf4 0.29/27 feels stronger. Bxe5 24.Bxg6 hxg6 *(24...Rxf4 25.Qxh7#)* 25.cxd4 cxd4 *(25...Bxf4 26.Bf6 Bxh2+ 27.Kh1 Bxg2+* Decoy *28.Kxg2 Qb7+ 29.Kxh2 Qc7+ 30.Re5)* 26.Qh4]

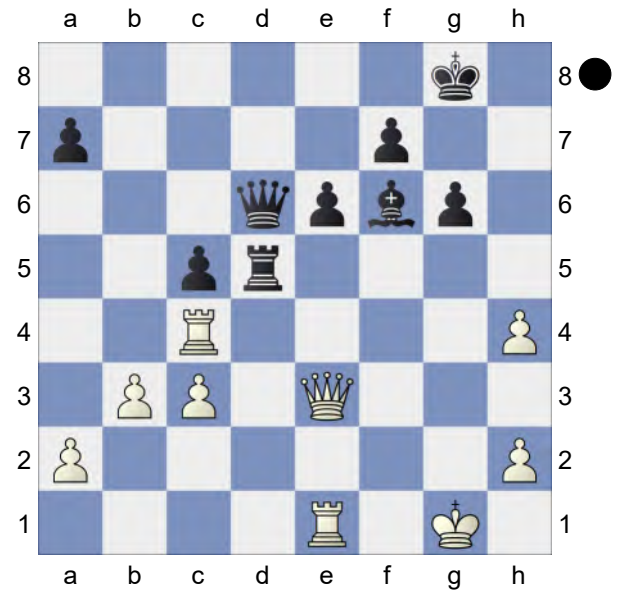


23...Rxf4! Remove Defender **24.Rxf4 Bxe5** This pair of bishops is nice. **25.Rh4 Rd8 26.Be4!** And now Be4xb7 would win.
[26.Rxh7? Rxd3-+ *(26...Bxc3? 27.Bxg6* Pin, Discovered Attack *Bd4+ 28.Kh1+-; 26...Bxc3? 27.Bxg6* Pin, Discovered Attack *Rd2 28.Bxf7+ Qxf7 29.Rxf7+-)*]
26...Bxe4
[26...Ba6 feels hotter. 27.Rxh7 Bg7 28.Qh4 Bb5]
27.Rhxe4 Rd5 28.Rh4 -0.38/21
[28.Rf1= 0.22/22]
28...Qd6∓ White must now prevent ... Rd5-d3. Black has compensation.
29.Qe3
[29.Rxh7? loses. Rd1 30.Qe3 Kxh7-+]
29...h5 30.g3 Bf6 31.Rc4

(Diagram)



h4 -0.10/23 **32.gxh4** -0.75/24
[32.Qf4= -0.10/23 keeps the balance. Be5 33.Qxh4]



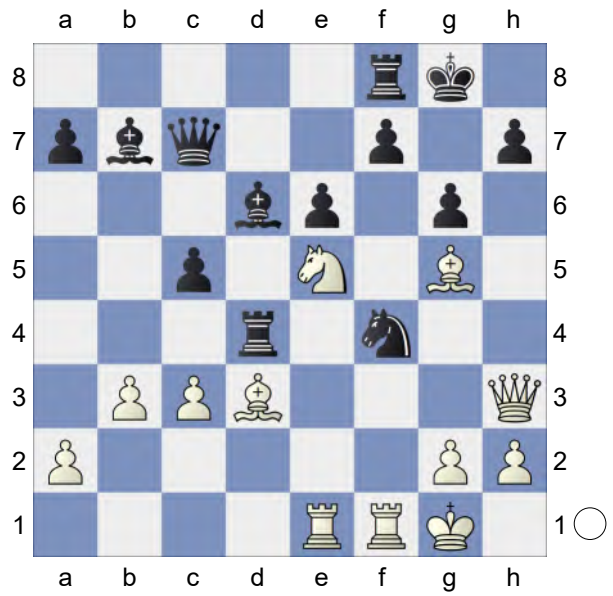
32...Rd2 0.19/25
[32...Be5!∓ -0.75/24 33.Qe2 Kg7]
33.Re2
[33.Qg3 with more complications. Qd5 34.Rf1 Be5 35.Qf3]
33...Rd3 2.13/23
[33...Rd5= 0.00/23]
34.Qxc5+- Rd1+ 3.61/21
[34...Qxc5+ 1.95/19 might work better. 35.Rxc5 Bxc3]
35.Kg2 Qd3 36.Rf2 Kg7 37.Rcf4
[37.Qxa7? is the wrong capture. Qd5+ *(37...Bxc3 38.Rxf7+ Kg8 39.Rc8+)* 38.Rf3 Rd2+-+]
37...Qxc3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.32
1-0

C07
□ **Ding,Liren** **2788**
■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2795**
World-ch Nepomniachtchi-Ding (4)
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.N2f3 Be7 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.0-0** The position is equal. **10...0-0 11.Qe2 Bb7 12.Bd3 Qc7 13.Qe4 Nf6N**
[13...g6 14.Bh6 Rfd8 15.a3 c5 16.Qg4 Nf6 17.Qg3 Qb6 18.Ne5 Bd6 19.Qf4 Nd5 20.Qxf7+ Kh8 21.Qg7# 1-0 Karjakin,S (2373)-Kukin, G (2305) 83/160 Leon 2001 (5)]
14.Qh4 c5 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.Ne5 Rad8 Prevents Ne5-d7. **17.Rae1 g6**
[17...Ba6!?]
18.Bg5 -0.08/21
[18.Qh3± 0.31/22 was preferrable.]
18...Rd4!= 19.Qh3 Qc7 20.b3 Nh5
21.f4 -0.56/25
[21.Bh6= 0.00/21]
21...Bd6 0.01/22
[21...Bxg5!∓ -0.56/25 22.fxg5 Nf4]
22.c3 Nxf4!

(Diagram)

Remove Defender **23.Bxf4** -0.08/21



[White should play 23.Rxf4± 0.42/27 Bxe5 24.Bxg6 hxg6 *(24...Rxf4 25.Qxh7#)* 25.cxd4 cxd4 *(25...Bxf4 26.Bf6 Bxh2+ 27.Kh1 Bxg2+* Decoy *28.Kxg2 Qc6+ 29.Kxh2 Qd6+ 30.Re5)* 26.Bf6 Bxf6 27.Rxf6]

23...Rxf4 Remove Defender **24.Rxf4** **Bxe5** This pair of bishops is nice. **25.Rh4 Rd8 26.Be4!**

[26.Rxh7 Rxd3 *(26...Bxc3?* too greedy. *27.Bxg6* Pin, Discovered Attack *Bd4+ 28.Kh1+-)* 27.Qxd3 Kxh7-+]

(Diagram)

And now Be4xb7 would win. **26...Bxe4**

[26...Ba6 seems wilder. 27.Rxh7 Bg7 28.Qh4 Rd7]

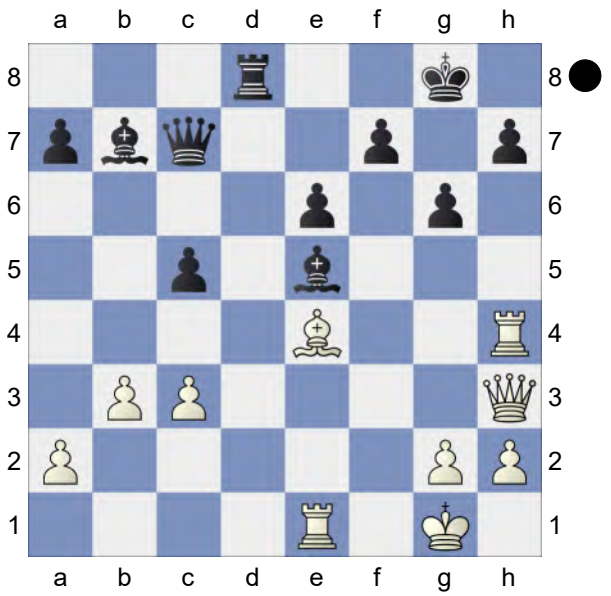
27.Rhxe4 Rd5 28.Rh4 -0.27/24

[⌓28.Rf1 0.19/23]

28...Qd6 Hoping for ...Rd5-d3. Black has compensation. **29.Qe3**

[29.Rxh7? Rd1 30.Kf2 Rd3-+ *(30...Qd2+? 31.Re2-+; 30...Qd2+? 31.Re2-+)*]

29...h5 30.g3 Bf6 31.Rc4 h4 32.gxh4



-0.54/23

[32.Qf4= -0.13/24 might be stronger. e5 33.Qf3]

32...Rd2 0.10/28

[Black should try 32...Be5!∓ -0.54/23 33.Kh1 Bxh2]

33.Re2

[33.Qg3 is more complex. Qd5 34.Rg4 Rxa2 35.Rf1]

33...Rd3 2.16/26

[33...Rd5= 0.00/23 and Black is okay.]

34.Qxc5+- Rd1+ 3.68/24

[34...Qxc5+ 2.08/20 might work better. 35.Rxc5 Bxc3]

35.Kg2 Qd3 36.Rf2 Kg7 37.Rcf4

[37.Qxa7? is the wrong capture. Qd5+ *(37...Bxc3 38.Rxf7+ Kg8 39.Rc8+)* 38.Rf3 Rd2+-+]

37...Qxc3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.30.

Loses game:	---	Black=1
Mistake:	White=5	Black=3
Inaccurate:	White=1	Black=3
OK:	White=11	Black=10
Best:	White=3	Black=1
Strong:	White=1	Black=2

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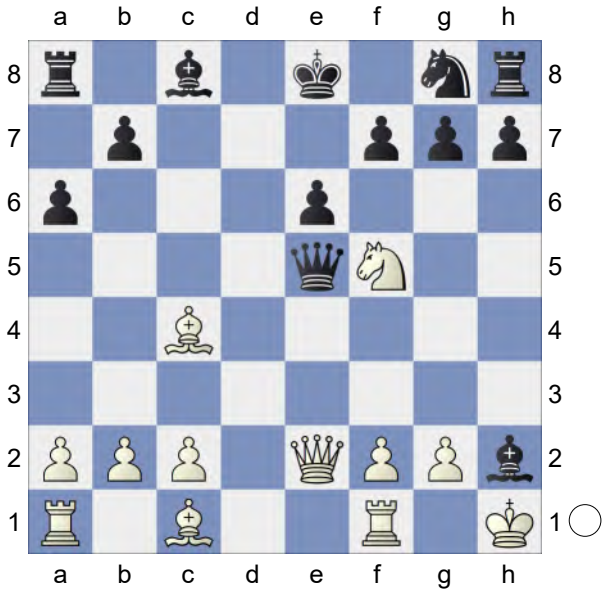
C07

□ **Albornoz Cabrera,Carlos Daniel**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2666**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (3.12) 13.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

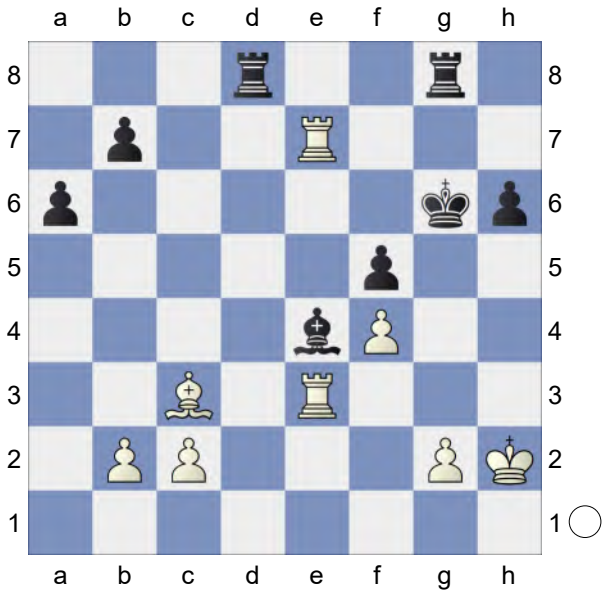
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 a6** The position is equal. **9.Nbxd4**
[9.a4 simplifies Nf6 10.Nbxd4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Qxd4 12.Nxd4 Bd7 13.c3]
9...Nxd4 10.Nxd4
[10.Qxd4 simplifies Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Bd7 12.Rd1]
10...Qc7 Prevents Bc1-f4. **11.Qe2**
[11.Bd3 simplifies Bd6 12.Nf3 Ne7 13.Qe2]
11...Bd6 12.Nf5
[12.h3 Ne7 13.Bd3 *(13.c3 0-0 14.Bd3 Ng6 15.Qh5 b5 16.f4 f5 17.Qg5 Rf6 18.h4 Bb7 19.h5 Nf8 20.Bd2 Qf7 21.Rae1 Rh6 22.Be2 Nd7 23.Bd1 Nc5 24.Nf3 Ne4 25.Rxe4 Bxe4 26.Ne5 Qc7 27.Qg3 Rd8* 1-0 Kubicka,A (2292)-Zhukova,N (2302) Speed Chess (Women) Play In 3 blitz 2024 (10)*)* 13...0-0 14.Nf3 Ng6 15.Ng5 Be7 16.Qh5 Bxg5 17.Qxg5 Bd7 18.Be3 Rac8 19.Rfd1 h6 20.Qh5 Nf4 21.Bxf4 ½-½ Movsesian,S (2671)-Predojevic,B (2621) Deutschland 135/(102) 2018]
12...Bxh2+ 13.Kh1 Qe5N 0.47/21
[13...Be5= 0.02/21 14.Re1 g6 *(14...Bf6 15.Qg4 g6 16.Ng3 h5 17.Qe2 b5 18.Bd5 Rb8 19.Ne4 Be7 20.Bb3 Nf6 21.Ng5 Rb6 22.Be3 Rc6 23.Qf3 0-0 24.Bf4 Qb7 25.Be5 Ng4 26.Bf4 Rc5 27.Ne4 Rf5 28.Qg3 e5 29.Bd2* Chapter-Games Chapter 6 (1) *)* 15.Qxe5 *(15.Nh6 Bf4 16.Ng4 h5 17.Ne3 Nf6 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Bxc1 20.Raxc1 Bd7 21.Qf3 0-0-0 22.c4 Kb8 23.Qf6 exd5 24.cxd5 Qa5 25.Qxf7 Bf5 26.Re5 Rd7 27.Qf6 Qd8* 0-1 Pohlenz,H (2318)-Wirsching,A (2594) W-ch GT285 corr 1991 (1)*)* 15...Qxe5 16.Rxe5 gxf5 17.b3 Ne7 18.Rc5 Bd7 19.Rc7 b5 20.Be2 Kd8 21.Rc5 Rc8 22.Rxc8+ Kxc8 23.a4 Rg8 24.axb5 Bxb5 25.Bf3 Bc6 26.Bxc6 Nxc6 27.Rxa6 Kb7 28.Ra4 Rd8 ½-½ Jiang,Q (2246)-Xi,Q (2118) China zt 3.5 2023 (7)]



14.Nxg7+!± Deflection **14...Qxg7 15.Kxh2 Ne7 16.Rd1! Bd7! 17.Rd3!↑** White has the initiative. **17...Nf5** 1.58/21 Prevents Rd3-g3.
[17...Rg8± 0.49/20 18.Rg3 Qd4]
18.Bd5!± Nd4 2.26/21
[18...Rc8± 1.23/20]
19.Qe4+- f5 3.26/23
[⌓19...Nc6 2.16/22 20.Rg3 Qf6]
20.Qxd4? 1.23/22
[20.Qh4+- 3.26/23 and White stays clearly on top. Qg4 21.Qxg4 *(21.Rxd4 Qxh4+ 22.Rxh4 exd5+-)*

21...fxg4 22.Bxb7]
20...Qxd4± 21.Rxd4 exd5 22.Rxd5 Be6 23.Rd6 Kf7 24.Bg5 Rhg8 25.Re1 Rae8 26.f4 0.79/22
[Better is 26.Bd2 1.22/19]
26...Bxa2 27.Rd7+ Kg6 28.Be7 And now b2-b3! would win. **28...Rc8?** 3.47/23
[28...Bf7± 1.17/21 keeps fighting. 29.Rxb7 h6]
29.Re3? 1.11/22
[29.Rxb7 Rxc2 30.b3 h6=]
[29.b3!+- 3.47/23 is the precise move to win.]
29...h6
[29...Rxc2? 30.Rg3+ *(30.Rxb7 Rxg2+* Decoy *31.Kxg2 Bd5+ 32.Kf2 Bxb7∓)* 30...Kf7 31.Bh4+ *(31.Rxb7 Bd5=)* 31...Ke6 32.Rgd3 Rgxg2+ 33.Kh3 Rh2+ *(33...Rxb2 34.Re7#)* 34.Kg3 Rcg2+ *(34...Rhg2+? 35.Kf3+-)* 35.Kf3 Rh3+ 36.Kxg2+-]
30.Bb4 Bb4-c3 is the strong threat.
[30.Rxb7?! Rxc2 31.b3 Rg7=]
30...Rcd8
[30...Rxc2? 31.b3 *(31.Rxb7 Rxg2+* Decoy *32.Kxg2 Bd5+ 33.Kf2 Bxb7∓)* 31...Bxb3 32.Rxb3+-]
31.Rde7 Bb4-c3! would now be deadly. White has more active pieces. **31...Bd5** 1.63/23
[31...Rd4± 0.77/23 32.Rg3+ *(32.Rxb7 Rxf4 33.Rb6+ Kh7±)* 32...Kf6 33.Rxb7 Rxg3 34.Kxg3 Re4 35.Bc3+ Ke6 36.Rb6+ Ke7 37.Rxa6 *(37.Rxh6 Re2±)* 37...Bb1 38.Rxh6 Bxc2 39.Rh7+ Ke6]
32.Bc3+- Be4 2.64/26
[32...Rc8± 1.52/26 33.Rg3+ Kh5]

(Diagram)



33.g4 1.49/24
[33.Rg3+!+- 2.64/26 Kh5 34.Rh3+ Kg4 35.Re6 *(35.Rxh6 Kxf4 36.Bg7 Ke3∓)* 35...Kxf4 36.Be5+ *(36.Rhxh6?* perishes. *Rxg2+ 37.Kh3 Rg1-+)* 36...Kg4 37.Rg3+ *(37.Rhxh6 Rd2∓; 37.Rexh6 f4±)* 37...Kh5 38.Bg7 Rxg7 39.Rxg7 Bxc2 40.Re3 *(40.Rxb7 Kg5+-)*]
33...Rde8? 4.52/23
[33...b5± 1.49/24 is a better chance. 34.Re6+ Kh7]
34.gxf5+ Remove Defender **34...Kxf5**
35.R3xe4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.48
1-0

C04
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2766**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2745**
American Cup Elim rapid (2.4) 22.03.23
[Kitty Kat]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.Bd3 f6
[6...Nb4 7.Be2 c5 8.c3 Nc6]
7.Ng5 Ndxe5

[7...fxg5 8.Qh5+ g6 *(8...Ke7 9.Nf3)* 9.Bxg6+ hxg6 10.Qxg6+ Ke7 11.Ne4 Bh6 *(11...Ndxe5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Qf6+ Kd7 14.Qxe5)* 12.Bxg5+ Bxg5 13.Qg7+ Ke8 14.Qxh8+ Nf8 15.Qh5+ Kd7 16.Nc5+]

8.dxe5! outshines the older 8.b3. erfolgreicher als das alte 8.b3. **8...fxg5**

9.Qh5+N g6

[9...Kd7 10.Nf3 Qe8 *(10...g6 11.Qg4 Be7 12.Nxg5 Ke8 13.Bb5; 10...h6 11.Be3)* 11.Qg4 Nb4 12.Bxg5 Nxd3+ 13.cxd3]

10.Bxg6+ Kd7 11.f4

[11.Bd3 Nxe5 12.Be2]

11...gxf4 12.Bd3 Qe8 13.Qe2

[13.Qg5 Qf7 14.Nf3 *(14.0-0 h6 15.Rxf4 hxg5 16.Rxf7+ Ke8)* 14...Nb4 15.Qxf4 Qxf4 16.Bxf4 Nxd3+ 17.cxd3 b6]

[13.Qxe8+ Kxe8 14.Nf3 Nb4 15.Bxf4 c5]

13...Nb4 14.0-0 Nxd3 15.cxd3 b6

[15...c5 16.b4 b6 *(16...cxb4 17.Nb3 b6 18.a3)* 17.Nb3 Qg6 18.bxc5 Ba6 19.Rf3 bxc5 20.Bxf4]

16.Rxf4

[16.d4 a5 *(16...Bh6 17.b4)* 17.Rxf4 Ba6 18.Qf2 Be7 19.Nf3 Qh5 20.Be3 Raf8]

16...Ba6 17.Rf6 Rg8

[17...Be7 18.Nf3 Kc8 *(18...Bxf6 19.exf6 Rf8 20.Bf4 Rxf6 21.Qe5 Rxf4 22.Qxf4; 18...Qh5 19.Rxe6 Bc5+ 20.Kh1 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Kxe6 22.b4)*

A) 19.Bh6 Kb7 20.Kh1 Rg8;

B) 19.Bf4 Rf8 20.Rc1 Kb7 *(20...c5 21.b4)* 21.Rxf8 Qxf8;

C) 19.Rh6 Qb5 *(19...Kb7 20.Nd4 Bc5 21.Be3 Bxd4 22.Bxd4; 19...Bf8 20.Rf6)* 20.Rxe6 *(20.Ne1)* 20...Re8]

18.Nf3 Qh5

[18...Bg7 19.Bh6 Bh8 *(19...Bxf6 20.exf6 Kc8 21.Ne5; 19...Bxh6 20.Rxh6)* 20.Qc2 Bb7 *(20...Kc8 21.Rc1 c5 22.d4)* 21.d4 Rg6 22.Bg5]

[18...Be7 19.Bf4 Qh5 20.Rf1 *(20.Bg3 Rxg3 21.hxg3 Bc5+ 22.Kf1 Qh1+; 20.Rxe6 Qf5 21.Rxe7+ Kxe7 22.Bg3 Qxd3 23.Qf2 Raf8)* 20...Rae8 21.Kh1 Rg4 *(21...Bxf6 22.exf6 Kc8 23.Qe5 Qxe5 24.Nxe5; 21...Kc8)* 22.g3

A) 22...Rgg8 23.Qc2 Kc8 *(23...Bb7 24.d4)* 24.Rxe6 Bc5 25.Rxe8+ *(25.Rf6 d4; 25.Rh6 Qf5; 25.Rc6 Ref8)* 25...Rxe8 26.a3;

B) 22...Rg6 23.Qc2 Bb7 24.d4 c6 25.a3;

C) 22...Bxf6 23.exf6 Rxf4 24.f7 *(24.gxf4 Kc8 25.Rg1)*

C1) 24...Rf8 25.gxf4 Kd8 26.Qe5 Qh3 *(26...Qxe5 27.Nxe5 d4 28.h4 Bb7+ 29.Kh2; 26...Qxf7 27.Ng5)* 27.Rf2 Qf5 28.Nd4 *(28.Qxf5 exf5 29.Ne5 d4; 28.Ng5 Qxe5 29.fxe5 Ke7 30.Rf6)* 28...Qxe5 29.Nc6+ Kd7 30.Nxe5+ Ke7 31.Rf3 c5 32.Rh3;

C2) 24...Re4 25.fxe8Q+ Kxe8 *(25...Qxe8 26.Qc2 Qh5 27.Kg2)* 26.Qd2 *(26.Qd1 Re3 27.Qa4+ Kd8 28.Ng5 Qxg5 29.Qxa6 Qe5 30.Qxa7 Rxd3)* 26...Kd8 *(26...Rg4 27.Qc3)* 27.Rf2 *(27.dxe4 Bxf1 28.Ng5 Kc8 29.exd5 h6)* 27...Rg4 28.d4 Kc8 *(28...Rxg3 29.Qf4 Rg8 30.Qf6+ Kd7 31.Ne5+ Kd6 32.Nf7+; 28...Re4 29.Kg1)*

29.Kg1 Bb5;
C3) 24...Rxf7 25.Ne5+ Qxe5 26.Rxf7+ Kd6 27.Rd7+ Kxd7 28.Qxe5 Bxd3 29.g4]

19.Bf4 Qg4
[19...Be7]

20.Bg3 Be7 21.Qc2 Bb7
[21...c6 22.Rc1 Rac8 23.Qd2 Rc7 24.Rc3]

22.Rc1 c6 23.d4 h5 24.Rf4 Qg6
[24...Qg7 25.Bh4 Raf8 26.Rxf8 Bxf8 27.Bg5]

25.Bh4 Raf8
[25...Qxc2 26.Rxc2 Raf8 *(26...Bxh4 27.Rxh4 Raf8 28.Rf2 Rf5 29.Nd2)* 27.Bf6]

26.Bf6
[26.Qxg6 Rxg6 27.Rxf8 Bxf8 28.Bg5 c5 29.h4 Ba6]

26...Qxc2
[26...Qh6 27.Qd2 Bb4 *(27...Rg4 28.Rxg4 Qxd2 29.Nxd2 hxg4 30.Bxe7 Kxe7 31.Rf1 Rf5 32.h3 gxh3 33.Rxf5 exf5 34.gxh3; 27...Bxf6 28.exf6 Rxf6 29.Rxf6 Qxf6 30.Ne5+)* 28.Qe3 Be7 29.Qd2]

27.Rxc2 c5
[27...Rg4 28.Rxg4 hxg4 29.Bxe7 Kxe7 30.Nh4 Ke8 31.Ng6 Rf5 32.b4 Ba6 *(32...Kf7 33.Nh4 Rh5 34.g3 Ke8 35.Ng2)* 33.Rf2 Bc4 34.a3 Kf7 35.Rxf5+ exf5 36.Nf4]

28.Rf2 cxd4
[28...Ba6 29.Ne1 cxd4 30.Bxe7 Rxf4 *(30...Kxe7 31.Rxf8 Rxf8 32.Rxf8 Kxf8 33.Nf3 d3 34.Kf2)* 31.Rxf4 Kxe7 32.Nf3]

29.Nxd4 Bc5 30.h3
[30.b4 Bxb4 31.Nxe6 Kxe6 32.Rxb4 Rc8]
[30.Bh4 Rxf4 31.Rxf4]

30...Rg3
[30...Rxf6 31.exf6 *(31.Rxf6 Bxd4)* 31...e5 32.f7 Rf8]

31.b4 Bxb4
[31...Bxd4 32.Rxd4]

32.Ne2 Ra3 33.Rxb4 Rxa2 34.Nd4
[34.Nf4 Ra1+ 35.Kh2 Ba6 36.Nxh5 Bc4]
[34.Rh4 a5 35.Rxh5]

34...Rxf2 35.Kxf2 Rc8 36.Rb3 Rc4 37.Ke3 Rc1 38.g4 hxg4 39.hxg4 Re1+ 40.Kf3 Rd1
[40...Re4 41.Rd3 Ba6 42.Rd2]

41.Ke3 Re1+ 42.Kf3 Rd1 43.Nb5 d4+ 44.Ke2 Rg1 45.Nxa7
[45.g5 Rg2+ *(45...Bd5 46.Rb4 Rg2+ 47.Kd3)* 46.Kf1 Bd5 47.Rb4 d3 48.Rd4 Kc6 49.Nxa7+ Kc5 50.Rxd3 Ra2 51.Be7+ Kc4 52.Ra3 Rb2 53.Rg3]

45...Rg2+ 46.Ke1 Rg1+ 47.Kd2 Rg2+ 48.Ke1 Rg1+ 49.Kf2 Rg2+ 50.Kf1 Rxg4
[50...Ra2 51.Nb5 Ba6 *(51...Bd5 52.Rb4 d3 53.Rd4 Kc6 54.Nc3 Ra3 55.Nxd5 Kc5 56.Rxd3 Rxd3 57.Nc7 b5 58.Nxe6+ Kc4 59.Ng7 b4 60.e6)* 52.Ke1 Bxb5 53.Rxb5 ½-½ (45) Caruana,F (2758)-Aronian,L (2759) Saint Louis 2022 Kc6 54.Rb3 Kc5 55.g5]

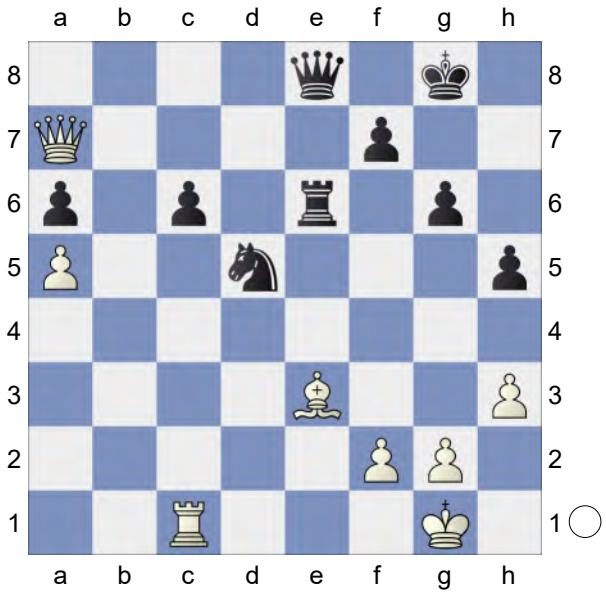
51.Rxb6 Bd5 52.Rb4 Re4 53.Nb5 d3 54.Rxe4 Bxe4 55.Nd4 Bd5 56.Ke1 Kc7 57.Kd2 Bc4 58.Be7 Kb7 59.Bb4 Kb6 60.Kc3 Bd5 61.Kxd3 Kc7 62.Ke3 Kd8 63.Kf4 Ke8 64.Kg5 Kf7 65.Kh6 Bc4 66.Nf3 Ba2 67.Ng5+ Ke8 68.Kg7 Bd5 69.Kf6 Kd7 70.Ba3 Ba2 71.Nh7 Kc6 72.Nf8 Kd5 73.Nxe6 Bc4 74.Nf4+ Ke4 75.Nh3 Bb3 76.Ng5+ Kd4 77.e6 Bxe6 78.Nxe6+ Ke4 79.Bf8 Kd5 80.Ng5 Kd4 81.Ke6 Ke3 82.Ke5 Kd3 83.Kd5 Ke3 84.Bd6 Kd3 85.Be5 Ke3 86.Kc4 Ke2 87.Kc3 Ke3 88.Bg3 Ke2 89.Kd4 Kd2 90.Nf3+ Ke2

91.Nh2 Kd2 92.Bf4+ Ke2 93.Be3 Predecessor: **93...Kd1 94.Kd3 Ke1 95.Bd4 Kd1 96.Nf3 Kc1 97.Nd2 Kd1 98.Bf2 Kc1 99.Nc4 Kd1** ½-½ (31) Abdusattorov,N (2713)-Aronian,L (2735) Wijk aan Zee 2023 **100.Nb2+ Kc1 101.Kc3 Kb1 102.Kb3 Kc1 103.Be3+ Kb1 104.Na4 Ka1 105.Bc1 Kb1 106.Ba3 Ka1 107.Bb2+**
1-0

C07

□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2793**
■ **Kramnik,Vladimir 2753**
Airthings Masters Div 2 L rapid (2.1)
[Kitty Kat]

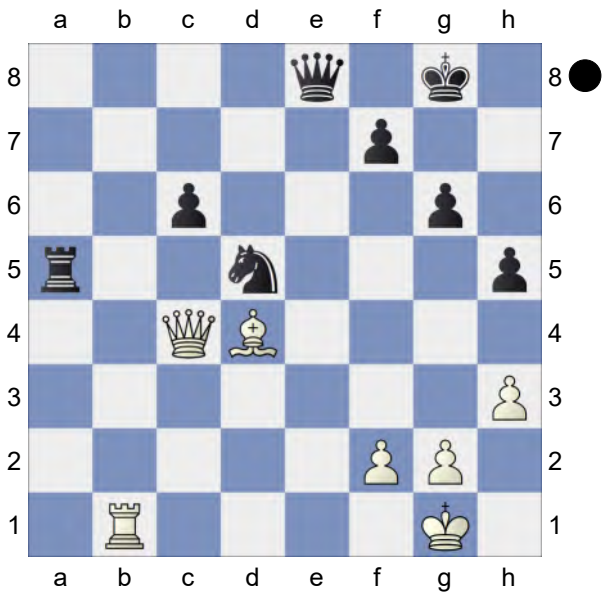
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 Bxc6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.c4 Nf6 10.Qa4 Qc7 11.exd5 exd5 12.0-0** White has an edge. **12...Be7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nf3 0-0 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.Rab1N**
[16.Rac1 Bxb2 17.Rxc6 Qd7 18.Rd1 Rac8 19.Rc4 Qxa4 20.Rxa4 Rc7 21.Ra5 Nc3 22.Re1 f6 23.h4 Kf7 24.h5 Rd8 25.h6 gxh6 26.Bxh6 Rd5 27.Ra6 Rcd7 28.Be3 R5d6 29.Rxd6 Rxd6 30.Bxa7 Ra6 ½-½ Ragger,M (2615)-Martinovic,S (2542) AUT-chT 2324 2023 (6.1)]
[16.Qc2 a5 17.Rac1 a4 18.b3 axb3 19.axb3 Rac8 20.Rfe1 h6 21.Re4 Qb7 22.Rc4 Rb8 23.b4 Rfe8 24.h3 Re6 25.Qf5 g6 26.Qc2 Bg7 27.Nd4 Bxd4 28.Rxd4 h5 29.Rc4 Qe7 30.Rxc6 Nxb4 ½-½ Martinez Alcantara,J (2612)-Kramnik,V (2753) Madrid Clash of Claims m blitz 2024 (24)]
16...Rfe8 17.b3 Re6 18.Rbe1 Rae8 19.Rxe6 Rxe6 20.Rc1 Qd7 21.h3 h5 22.Qc4 g6 23.a4 Nb6 24.Qc2 Nd5 25.a5 Qb7 26.Qc4 a6 27.Nd4 Bxd4 28.Qxd4 Qxb3 29.Bh6 Nf6 30.Qc5 Qb8 Against Qc5-f8+ **31.Qb6 Qc8 32.Qa7 Qe8** 0.50/23
[Better is 32...Re2= 0.00/30]
33.Be3 0.05/22
[33.Qxa6± 0.50/23 is more appropriate. Re1+ 34.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 35.Kh2 Qe5+ 36.g3]
33...Nd5=



Threatens to win with ...Re6-e7. The position is equal. **34.Rb1 Rd6!**
[Don't blunder 34...Nxe3? 35.Rb8 Nc2 36.Qa8+- *(36.Rxe8+ Rxe8 37.Qxa6 Nb4+-; 36.Rxe8+ Rxe8 37.Qxa6 Nb4+-)*]
35.Bc5
[35.Bg5 is more complex. Kg7 36.Rb7 Re6 37.Qd4+]
35...Rd8 36.Qxa6 Ra8 37.Qc4 Rxa5 38.Bd4

(Diagram)

Strongly threatening Qc4xc6! **38...Ra8**

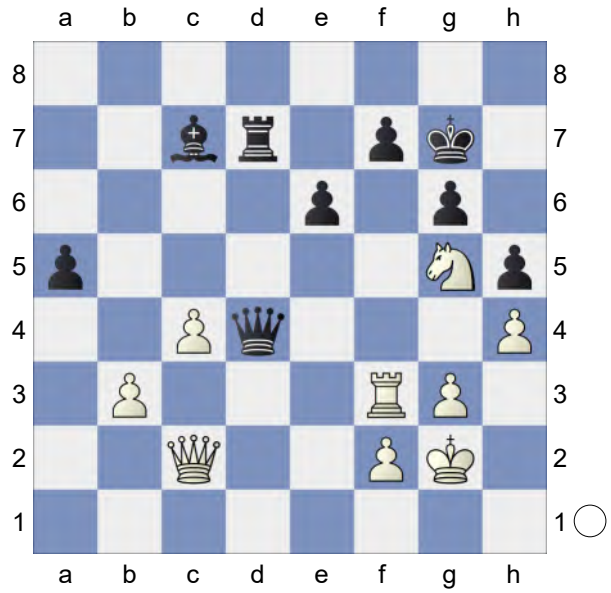


39.Rc1 Nf4 ...Nf4-e2+ is the strong threat. **40.Be3 Nd5 41.Bd4 Nf4** White must now prevent ...Nf4-e2+. **42.Be3 Nd5 43.Bd4** An interesting draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

C07
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2909**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2763**
Wch Blitz Almaty (16) 30.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.dxc5 Nf6 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Ngf3 Qxc5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.a4N** The position is equal. Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
[8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Nb3 0-0 11.Nbd4 *(11.a4 b6 12.a5 Bb7 13.Nfd4 Nc5 14.a6 Nxd3 15.axb7 Nxc1 16.Qf3 Rab8 17.Rfxc1 a5 18.Nc6 Rxb7 19.c4 Rc8 20.Ncd4 h6 21.h3 Bc5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Qe2 Rd7 24.Rd1 Rcd8 25.Rxd7 Rxd7* 0-1 Chernov,V (2661)-Ernst,H (2745) FIDE World Cup 2000 (17) *26.Rd1 Qe4 27.Qf1 Rxd1 28.Qxd1 Qxc4 29.Nxc5 Qxb5 30.Qd8+ Kh7 31.Nb7 Qxb2 32.Nd6 Qc1+ 33.Kh2 Qf4+ 34.Kg1 Ne4 35.Ne8 Qxf2+ 36.Kh2 Qf4+ 37.Kg1 Qe3+ 38.Kh2 Qg3+ 39.Kg1 Qe5 40.Qe7 Qc5+* 0-1 Sindarov,J (2661)-Grischuk,A (2745) Astana Satty Zhuldyz Blitz 2023 (17) *)* 11...Nc5 12.Nb5 Qb8 13.Rd1 Nxd3 14.Rxd3 Bd7 15.Nbd4 Bd6 16.Bg5 Nd5 17.c4 Nf4 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.g3 Bc7 20.Rad1 e5 21.Nb5 Be6 22.Ng5 Bxc4 0-1 Mazaltob,G (2556)-Carlos,S (2439) Dragons ChessPub Guide 2020 (4)]
8...0-0 9.0-0 Qc7 10.c3N
[Data server:: 10.a5 -0.36/21 10.Qd1-e2 0.00 Nc6 11.Nc4 Rd8 12.Bd2 Nb4! 13.Bxb4 Bxb4 14.Nfe5 Rd5 15.Ra4 -0.74/22 *(15.Qe2∓ -0.38/22)* 15...Bxa5 -0.31/20 *(*Better is *15...Bf8∓* -0.74/22 *16.Qe2 g6)* 16.Qa1 1-0 (54) Evchin,M (2315)-Nikitenko,M (2422) Krakow 2019]
10...b6 11.a5 bxa5 12.Nb3 Nc6 13.Bg5 -0.81/23
[13.Qe2∓ -0.40/23 was preferrable.]
13...Bb7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nc5 Rfd8 -0.23/28
[Black should try 15...Bc8∓ -0.85/21]
16.Nxb7= Qxb7 17.Qc2 g6 18.Be4 Dodges Rd8-d5 **18...Qb6 19.Bxc6 Qxc6 20.Rxa5 Rd7 21.Rfa1 Rb7 22.h3 Bd8 23.Ra6** -0.10/23
[23.Ne5 0.29/23 deserves consideration. Qc8 24.R5a4]
23...Bb6 24.c4
[24.Ne5 feels hotter. Qb5 25.Qe4 Rc8 26.c4]
24...Rc8 25.b3 Qc5 26.Rd1 Prevents Rb7-d7 **26...Rbb8 27.Raa1**

Rd8 28.g3 a5 29.Kg2 Ba7
[29...Kg7 with more complications. 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Ra2 Qc6]
30.Rxd8+ Rxd8 31.Re1 Bb6 32.h4 h5 33.Ne5 Kg7 34.Re2 Bc7 35.Nf3 Qe7 36.Ng5 Qf6 37.Re3 aiming for Re3-f3.
37...Qd4? 5.02/23
[37...Rd7= 0.25/23]
38.Rf3+- Rd7



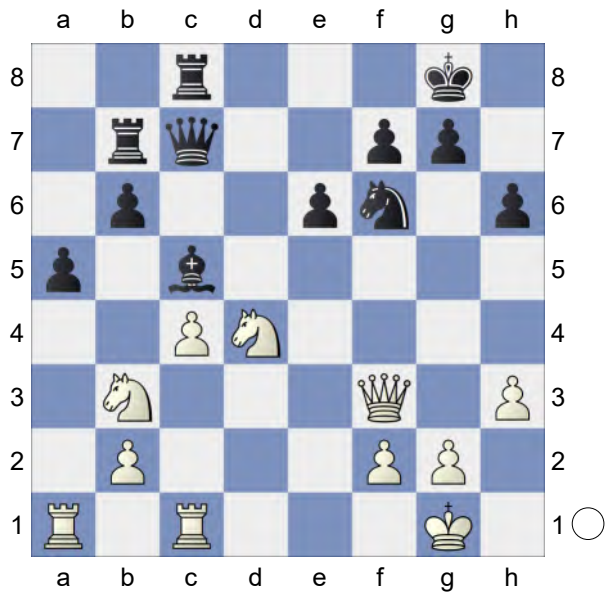
39.Rxf7+! Remove Defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) / Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0

C07

□ **Chernov,V.** **2661**
■ **Ernst,Heinz** **2745**
FIDE World Cup (17) 25.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Ngf3 Qxc5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Qe2** The position is equal. **8...Qc7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Nb3**
[10.Rd1 a6 11.a3 0-0 12.Ne4 b6 13.b4 Bb7 14.Bb2 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Nf6 17.Qe2 Rfc8 18.Rac1 b5 19.c4 bxc4 20.Ne5 Qb7 21.Nxc4 Nd5 22.Qg4 Bf8 23.Nd6 f5 24.Nxb7 fxg4 1-0 Montejo Bello,L (1985)-Caballero Ramos,G (2100) CUB-ch (Women) 2024 (5)]
10...0-0 11.a4N
[11.Bg5 b6 12.c3 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Nc5 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Bg5 Rad8 17.Rad1 Qc6 18.a3 Ba8 19.Bb1 h6 20.Bh4 Qa4 21.Nd4 Bd5 22.Bc2 Qd7 23.c4 Ba8 24.Nf5 Qb7 25.Nxe7+ Qxe7 0-1 Bellini,F (2484)-Efimov,I (2520) Reggio Emilia 0001 43th 2000 (2)]
11...b6 12.a5 Bb7 13.Nfd4
[13.Rd1 simplifies Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Ne5 15.Qe2]
13...Nc5 14.a6 -0.74/22
[14.axb6∓ -0.36/24 axb6 15.Rxa8 Rxa8 16.Bc4]
14...Nxd3∓ 15.axb7 Nxc1 16.Qf3 -1.10/24
[16.Qa6!∓ -0.61/25 should be considered. Ng4 *(16...Rab8 17.Rfxc1 Rfd8 18.Qxa7=)* 17.Nf3 Ne2+ Deflection *(17...Qxc2? too greedy. 18.Raxc1 Qxb3 19.bxa8R+-)* 18.Qxe2 Qxb7 19.Nbd4]
16...Rab8 17.Rfxc1 a5
[Don't do 17...Qxb7 18.Qxb7 Rxb7 19.Ra6∓]
18.Nc6 Rxb7 19.c4 Rc8 -0.69/19
[19...Bd6∓ -1.12/21 20.g3 Re8]
20.Ncd4 -2.08/23
[Only move: 20.Nxe7+!∓ -0.69/19 Qxe7 21.c5]
20...h6 21.h3 Bc5? -0.14/25
[21...Rbb8-+ -2.13/22 Threatens to win with ...Qc7-b7. 22.Nb5 Qb7]

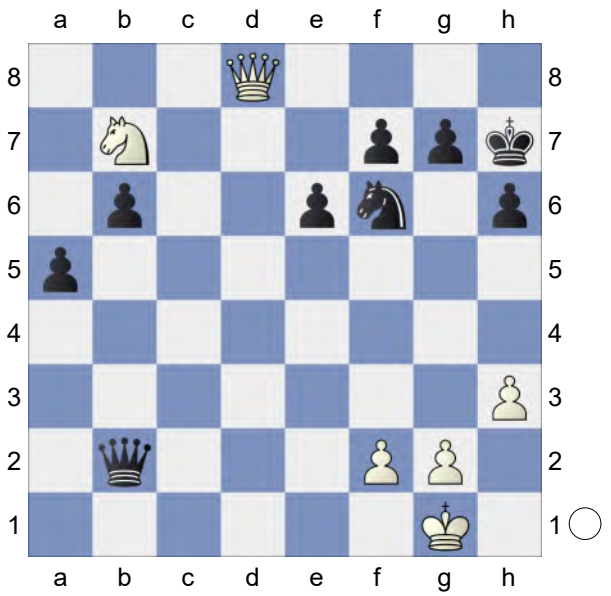
(Diagram)



22.Nb5 -1.41/21
[22.Nxc5!= -0.14/25 bxc5 23.Nb5]
22...Qc6↑ Black is in control. **23.Qe2** -2.33/20
[23.Qxc6∓ -1.41/21 is a better defense. Rxc6 24.Nxc5 Rxc5 25.Rab1]
23...Rd7 24.Rd1 -2.10/24
[24.Nc3 -1.72/21 was called for.]
24...Rcd8 aiming for ...Rd7xd1+.
25.Rxd7 -2.20/25
[25.Nxc5 -1.80/24 keeps fighting. Qxc5 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Nc3]
25...Rxd7 26.Rd1 -3.13/25
[⌓26.Nxc5 -1.74/21 Qxc5 27.Nc3]
26...Qe4 27.Qf1 -5.47/23
[27.Re1 -2.56/23 Qxe2 28.Rxe2]
27...Rxd1 28.Qxd1 Qxc4 29.Nxc5 Qxb5-+ Endgame. KQN-KQN. Black is clearly winning. **30.Qd8+ Kh7 31.Nb7 Qxb2**

(Diagram)

Hoping for ...a5-a4. **32.Nd6 Qc1+ 33.Kh2 Qf4+ 34.Kg1 Ne4 35.Ne8 Qxf2+ 36.Kh2 Qf4+ 37.Kg1 Qe3+ 38.Kh2 Qg3+ 39.Kg1 Qe5 40.Qe7**



Qc5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.25 (precise)
0-1

C07
□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2661**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2745**
Astana Satty Zhuldyz Blitz (17) 25.04.23
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Ngf3 Qxc5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Qe2** White has an edge. **8...Qc7!?** Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Nb3**
[10.Rd1 a6 11.a3 0-0 12.Ne4 b6 13.b4 Bb7 14.Bb2 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Nf6 17.Qe2 Rfc8 18.Rac1 b5 19.c4 bxc4 20.Ne5 Qb7 21.Nxc4 Nd5 22.Qg4 Bf8 23.Nd6 f5 24.Nxb7 fxg4 1-0 Montejo Bello,L (1985)-Caballero Ramos,G (2100) CUB-ch (Women) 2024 (5)]
10...0-0 11.a4N
[11.Bg5 b6 12.c3 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Nc5

14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Bg5 Rad8 17.Rad1 Qc6 18.a3 Ba8 19.Bb1 h6 20.Bh4 Qa4 21.Nd4 Bd5 22.Bc2 Qd7 23.c4 Ba8 24.Nf5 Qb7 25.Nxe7+ Qxe7 0-1 Bellini,F (2484)-Efimov,I (2520) Reggio Emilia 0001 43th 2000 (2)]

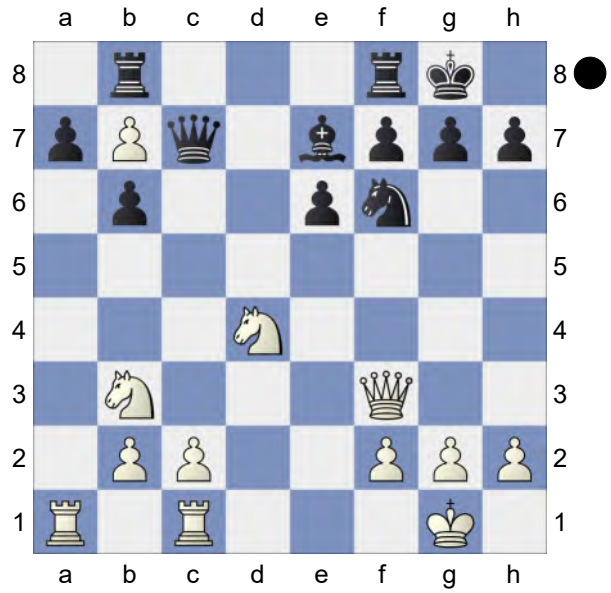
11...b6 12.a5 Bb7 13.Nfd4N

[Predecessor: 13.a6 Bd5 0.36/22 (Better is *13...Bxf3!=* -0.21/24 *14.Qxf3 Ne5*) 14.Nbd4± Rac8 15.Bg5 Nc5 16.Bb5 Nh5 0.77/23 (*16...Rfd8=* -0.07/22) 17.Bxe7± Qxe7 18.Qe3 0.44/22 (*18.g3±* 0.98/23) 18...Qf6 19.Rfe1 0-1 (41) Blomqvist,E (2537)-Terry,R (2504) Chess.com INT 2021]

13...Nc5 14.a6 -0.90/22

[14.Nxc5∓ -0.32/23 Bxc5 15.Nf3]

14...Nxd3∓ 15.axb7 Nxc1 16.Qf3 Rab8 17.Rfxc1



a5 18.Nc6 Rxb7 19.c4 Rc8 -0.58/19

[19...Bd6∓ -1.06/21 20.g3 Re8]

20.Ncd4 -2.04/23

[20.Nxe7+!∓ -0.58/19 Qxe7 21.c5]

20...h6 21.h3 Bc5? -0.20/26

[21...Rbb8-+ -2.18/22 And now ...Qc7-b7 would win. 22.Qe2 Qb7]

22.Nb5 -1.48/23

[22.Nxc5!= -0.20/26 bxc5 23.Nb5]

22...Qc6 23.Qe2 -2.21/21

[23.Qxc6∓ -1.40/21 Rxc6 24.Nxc5 Rxc5 25.Rd1]

23...Rd7 24.Rd1 Rcd8 White must now prevent ...Rd7xd1+. **25.Rxd7** -2.29/26

[⌓25.Nxc5 -1.77/25 Qxc5 26.Nc3]

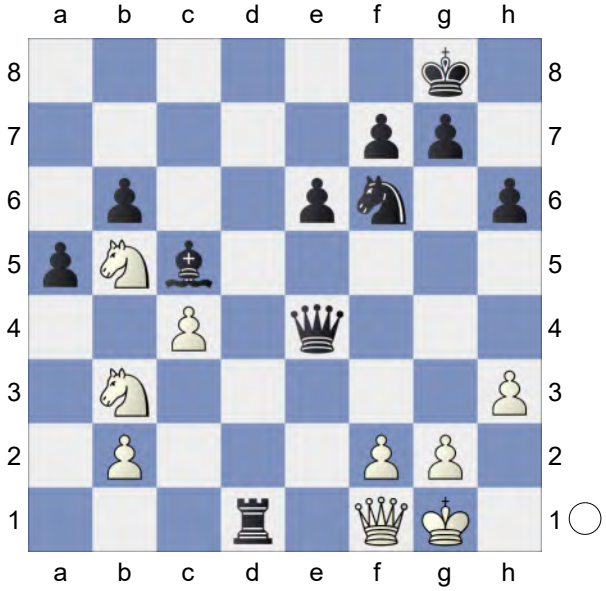
25...Rxd7 26.Rd1 -3.14/25

[⌓26.Nxc5 -1.80/21 Qxc5 27.Nc3]

26...Qe4 27.Qf1 -5.48/22

[27.Re1 -2.59/24 was the only defense. Qxe2 28.Rxe2]

27...Rxd1

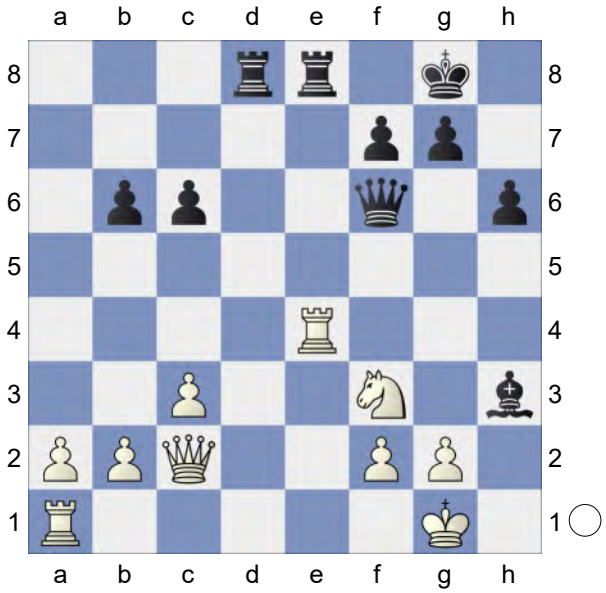


Overworked Piece **28.Qxd1 Qxc4 29.Nxc5** Threatens to win with Qd1-d8+. **29...Qxb5-+** Endgame. KQN-KQN **30.Qd8+** Black is clearly winning. **30...Kh7 31.Nb7 Qxb2** ...a5-a4 would now be deadly. **32.Nd6 Qc1+ 33.Kh2 Qf4+ 34.Kg1 Ne4 35.Ne8 Qxf2+ 36.Kh2 Qf4+ 37.Kg1 Qe3+ 38.Kh2 Qg3+ 39.Kg1 Qe5 40.Qe7 Qc5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.27 (precise)

0-1

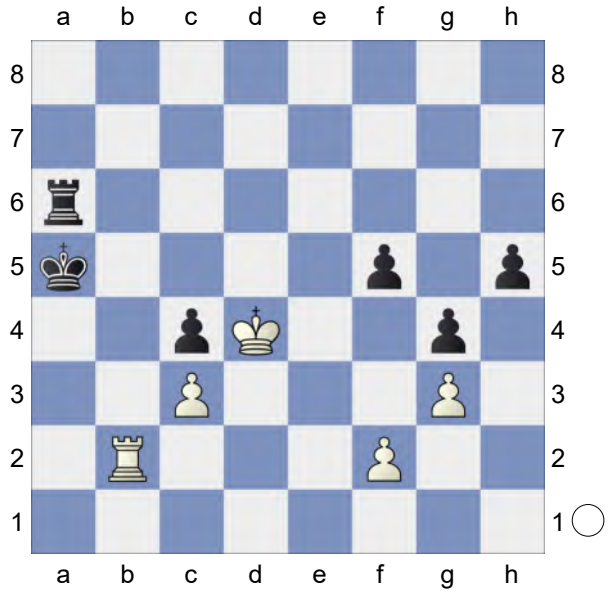
C03
□ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2686**
■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2669**
FRA-chT Top 16 GpB (4.4) 04.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 h6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 c5 6.exd5** 0.29/20
[6.e5± 0.69/23]
6...exd5=
[6...Nxd5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 cxd4 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Bd6 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.c4 Nc7 13.Qg4 Nxb5 14.Nxb5 Bxb5 15.cxb5 Qf6 16.Be3 h5 17.Qa4 0-0 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.g3 a6 20.a3 axb5 21.Qxb5 1-0 Lianes Garcia,M (2407)-Hueck,M (2066) Oviedo op 9th 2023 (2)]
7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0N White is slightly better.
[8.Nb3 Be7 *(8...Bd6 9.Qe2+ Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nfd4 Re8 12.Qf3 Bg4 13.Qg3 Nc6 14.Bf4 Qc8 15.f3 Bd7 16.Qf2 Nh5 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Be3 Qc7 19.Bc5 Nf4 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.Rfe1 Rae8 22.Rxe7 Rxe7 23.Bf1* 1-0 De Bonnieres,P (2677)-Jaatinen,P (2511) Tch Reykjavik ISL 2000 (8.4)*)* 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Nfd4 Bd6 12.Nf5 Bxf5 13.Bxf5 Qc7 14.h3 Rfe8 15.Bd2 Rxe1+ 16.Bxe1 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Be5 18.c3 Rd8 19.Rc1 Bf4 20.Rc2 Qb6 21.g3 Bd6 22.f4 Qa6 ½-½ Khamrakulov,D (2485)-Duong,T (2420) 7th Malaysia Open 2010 (3)]
8...0-0 9.Nb3 Bb6 10.h3 Nc6 11.c3 Ne4 12.Nbd4 Qf6 13.Be3 Bd7 14.Re1 Rad8
[14...Rfe8 keeps more tension. 15.Nc2 Ba5 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Qxd7 exf3 18.Bd4 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Qg6]
15.Qc2 Rfe8
[15...Rde8 is interesting. 16.Rad1 Ng5 17.Nxg5 hxg5 18.Be2 Re7]
16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Bxb6 axb6 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Rxe4 Bxh3!



Deflection **20.Rae1 Rxe4 21.Qxe4 Bf5 22.Qf4 c5 23.Re5 Be6 24.Qa4** -0.82/23 Against Rd8-d1+
[24.Qxf6= -0.15/25 gxf6 25.Re4 Bxa2 26.Kh2]
24...g5 ...g5-g4 would now be deadly. **25.Re1! Kg7** aiming for ...g5-g4. **26.Qc2 Qf4**
[Much worse is 26...Bxa2 27.b3 Qf4 28.Re7= *(28.Qxa2 g4=)*]
27.Re3 Qd6 And now ...Qd6-d1+ would win.
[Much weaker is 27...Bxa2?! 28.b3 Ra8 29.Qb2=]
28.a3 Qd1+ 29.Qxd1 Rxd1+∓ Endgame. KRB-KRN **30.Re1 Rd3 31.Re3 Rd1+ 32.Re1 Rd6 33.b4 g4 34.Nh4 Rd2 35.bxc5 bxc5** Threatening ...Rd2-a2. **36.Ra1 Kf6 37.a4 Rd6 38.a5 Ra6 39.g3 Bd5 40.Ng2 Bxg2 41.Kxg2=** KR-KR **41...Ke5 42.Ra4 f5 43.Kf1 Kd5 44.Ke2 c4 45.Ke3** Hoping for Ke3-f4. **45...Kc5 46.Ra2** Ke3-f4 is the strong

threat. **46...Kb5 47.Kd4 h5 48.Rb2+ Kxa5?** #35/17
[48...Kc6= 0.01/23]

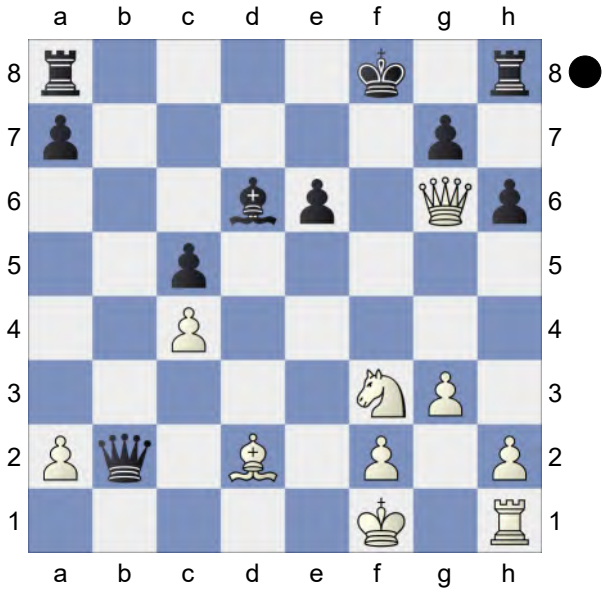


A mistake that costs the game. **49.Kc5!**
[49.Kxc4 Rf6=]
49...Ka4 50.Ra2+ Skewer
[Not 50.Kxc4 Rc6+ 51.Kd3 Rd6+ 52.Ke3 Rc6±]
50...Kb3 51.Rxa6 Kxc3 52.Ra4 Kd3 53.Rxc4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.38. An unexpected result.
½-½

C07
□ **Voelkl,Stefan** **2600**
■ **Molina,Roberto Junio Brito** **2853**
(ol) 50/217 Novi Sad (5) 18.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 Ke7N**
[2...d5 3.Nd2 c5
A) 4.exd5
A1) 4...Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 *(6...Qd7 7.Qe2 Nc6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Nb3 a6 10.a4 Bd6 11.Rd1 e5 12.Nbxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qe7 14.Nb3 e4 15.Bg5 Qe5 16.f4 exf3 17.Qxe5+ Bxe5 18.Re1 f2+ 19.Kxf2 0-0* Botsari,A (2504)-Hetenyi,G (2568) 15.b3, 15.c3 and 15.Qa3*)* 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Bb3 Bd6 13.Nf5 Bxh2+ 14.Kh1 0-0 15.Nxg7 Rd8 16.Qf3 Kxg7 17.Bh6+ Kg6 18.c3 Nd5 19.Rad1 1-0 Ioseliani,N (2660)-Krylov,M (2670) EU/M/GT/089 corr ICCF 1974 (7);
A2) 4...exd5 5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nb3 Bb6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Be3 Bg4 12.Bxb6 Qxb6 13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Qxd5 Nb4 15.Qe4 Bxf3 16.gxf3 h6 17.c3 Nc6 18.Rad1 Rfe8 16) White Avoids 8.Na3-Ulybin,M URS-ch Soviet Union 1983;
B) 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 Bxc6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.c4 Nf6 10.Qa4 Qc7 11.exd5 exd5 12.0-0 Be7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nf3 0-0 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.Rab1 Rfe8 17.b3 Re6]
3.Ke2 Ke8 4.Ke1 d5 5.Nd2 c5 6.Ngf3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Bd3 Bd6 11.Qe2 Qc7 12.Nf3 -0.42/22
[12.b3= -0.01/20]
12...dxe4 -0.02/25
[12...f6∓ -0.42/22]
13.Qxe4 Nf6 14.Qh4 c5 15.Bg5 -0.47/22
[15.Bh6= 0.00/23 deserves consideration. Rg8 16.Bxg7 Remove Defender Rxg7 17.Qxf6]

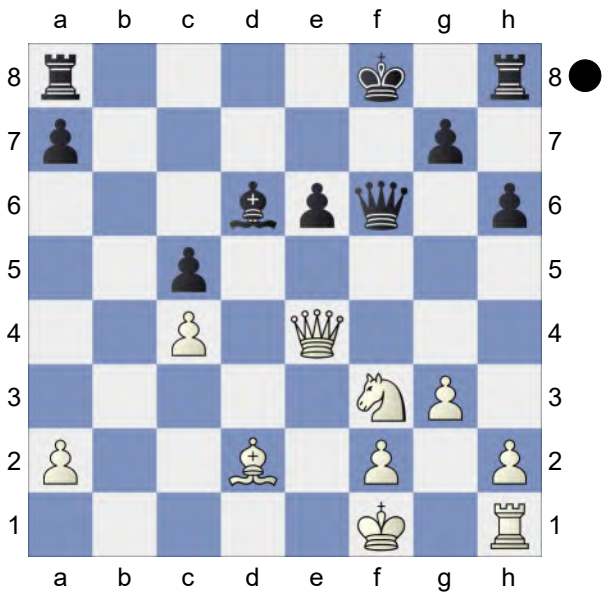
15...Nd5∓ 16.Kf1 h6 17.Bd2 Kf8 18.Re1 Bc6 19.c4 Nf4 20.Be4 -0.59/23
[20.Bxf4= -0.21/26 Bxf4 21.Be4]
20...Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Ng6 22.Qh5 Qb7 23.Rxe6 Deflection **23...fxe6 24.Qxg6 Qxb2** Threatens to win with ...Qb2-a1+. **25.g3** -1.43/21
[White should try 25.Qxe6 -0.80/25 Qa1+ 26.Ke2]



25...Qf6!∓
[25...Qxa2 26.Qxe6 Qa1+ 27.Kg2±]
26.Qe4 -1.65/20
[26.Nh4∓ -1.20/22 was called for.]

(Diagram)

26...Kf7!-+ 27.Kg2 Rhf8 28.h4 -1.96/25
[28.Rd1∓ -1.48/24 Rad8 29.Be3]
28...Kg8 29.Re1 Rae8 30.Re3 Qf5 31.Qc6 -2.21/21
[⌓31.Bc1 -1.83/23]
31...e5 And now ...e5-e4! would win.
32.Qxd6 -3.09/22
[⌓32.Qd5+ -2.13/22 Re6 33.Be1]
32...e4 33.Qc6? -4.77/27



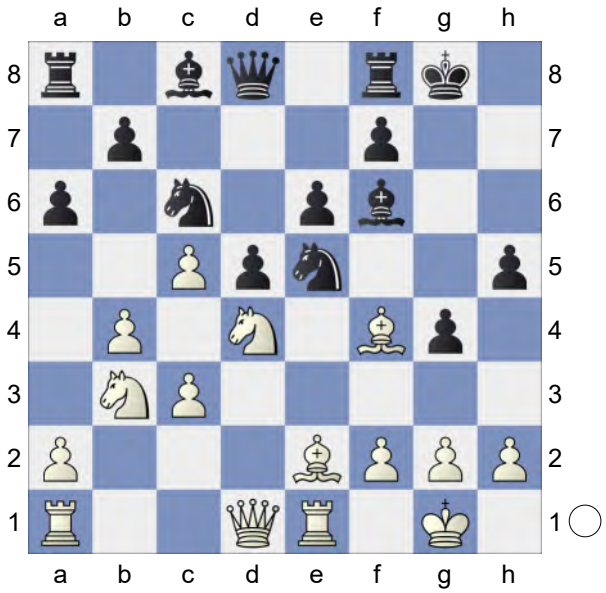
[33.Kh2 -2.97/23 only move.]
33...Re6
[33...exf3+ 34.Rxf3 Qxf3+ 35.Qxf3 Rxf3 36.Kxf3-+]
34.Qb7 exf3+ 35.Kh2 Rb6 -2.91/24
[⌓35...Rxe3 -4.99/22 36.Bxe3 Qd3 37.Qd5+ Qxd5 38.cxd5 c4 39.Bxa7 c3 *(39...Rd8? 40.a4-+)*]
36.Qc7 Rb1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.19 (very precise)
0-1

C04
□ **Tomashevsky,Evgeny** **2681**
■ **Kuzubov,Yuriy** **2613**
Wch Blitz Samarkand (21) 30.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

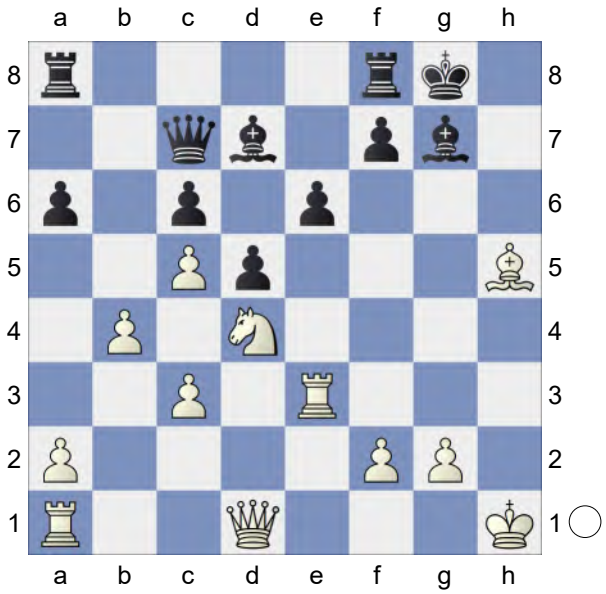
C04: French Tarrasch: 3...Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.Bb5 Be7 7.0-0 a6 8.Bd3** Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **8...Nb4 9.Be2 c5 10.c3N** White is slightly better.
[Vorgänger: 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.a3 Nc6 12.b4 Na4 13.c4 Nc3 14.Qe1

0-0 15.Nb3 -0.34/21 (White should try 15.h3± 0.37/21) 15...Nxe2+∓ 16.Qxe2 dxc4 ½-½ Zubarev,A (2478)-Kruppa,Y (2561) UKR-chT 7th Alushta 1999 (6)]

10...Nc6 11.Re1 g5 12.dxc5 g4 13.Nd4 h5 14.b4 Strongly threatening Nd4xc6. **14...Ndxe5 15.N2b3 Bf6 16.Bf4 0-0**

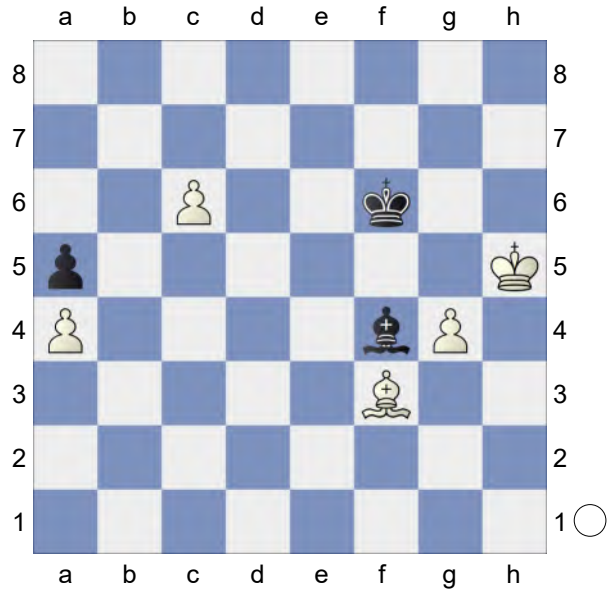


17.Nxc6 0.55/26
[Better is 17.Bd3!± 1.44/21]
17...bxc6 1.53/23
[17...Nxc6± 0.55/26 18.Qd2 e5]
18.Nd4 aiming for Bf4xe5. **18...Bd7**
19.Bxe5 0.78/17
[⌓19.Bd3 1.38/24 Nxd3 20.Qxd3]
19...Bxe5± 20.Bxg4! Discovered Attack
20...Qc7 2.15/24
[But not 20...Bxd4? 21.cxd4 h4 (21...hxg4? loses. 22.Qxg4+ Kh7 23.Re3+-) 22.Qd2+-]
[20...Bg7± 0.91/19 21.Bh3 (21.Bxh5 e5±) 21...a5]
21.Bxh5 Bxh2+ 22.Kh1 White is more active. **22...Be5 23.Re3** 0.97/19
[⌓23.f4 1.38/24 Bxf4 24.Qg4+ Kh7 25.g3]
23...Bg7



24.Qg4! Re3-g3 is the strong threat.
24...f5? 3.04/24
[24...e5± 0.92/20 25.Nf5 Bxf5 26.Qxf5 e4]
25.Qg5 1.39/21
[25.Qh4+- 3.04/24]
25...f4? 5.95/26
[25...Qd8± 1.39/21 is more resistant. 26.Nxe6 Qxg5 27.Nxg5 f4]
26.Rxe6? 2.11/22
[26.Nxe6 5.95/26 Bxe6 27.Rxe6]
26...Bxe6+- 27.Nxe6→ Black is in trouble. **27...Qd7** 4.33/25 Black is weak on the light squares
[27...Qe5 2.04/23 28.Qg6 a5]
28.Nxf8 Rxf8 29.Re1 Qf5 30.Qxf5 Rxf5 Endgame. KRB-KRB **31.Bg4 Re5** 3.90/22
[31...Rg5 2.23/18 was necessary.]
32.Rxe5 Bxe5 KB-KB **33.Bd7 Bxc3?** 5.76/24
[33...Kf7 3.56/21 is a better defense. 34.Bxc6 Ke6]
34.Bxc6 Bxb4 35.Bxd5+ Kf8 36.c6 White threatens c6-c7 and mate. **36...Ke7 37.Kh2 Bc5 38.g3 fxg3+** 7.49/27
[⌓38...Bxf2 4.38/24 39.gxf4 Bb6]

39.fxg3 Kd6 40.Bf3 Bb6 41.Kh3 Ke5 42.Kg4 Kf6 43.Kh5 Bc7 44.g4 a5 45.a4 Bf4

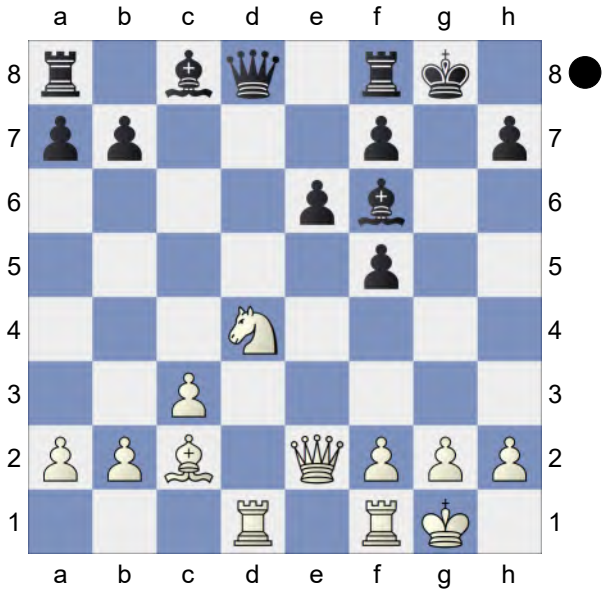


46.g5+! Ke7
[46...Ke6 47.g6]
47.Kg4 Bd2 48.Kf5 Be3 49.Bg4 White wants to mate with c6-c7. **49...Bd2 50.Be2 Bc1 51.Ba6 Kd6 52.Bb7 Bb2 53.Kg6 Bc1 54.Kf6** Intending g5-g6 and mate. **54...Bb2+ 55.Kf7 Kd5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/Black=0.76
1-0

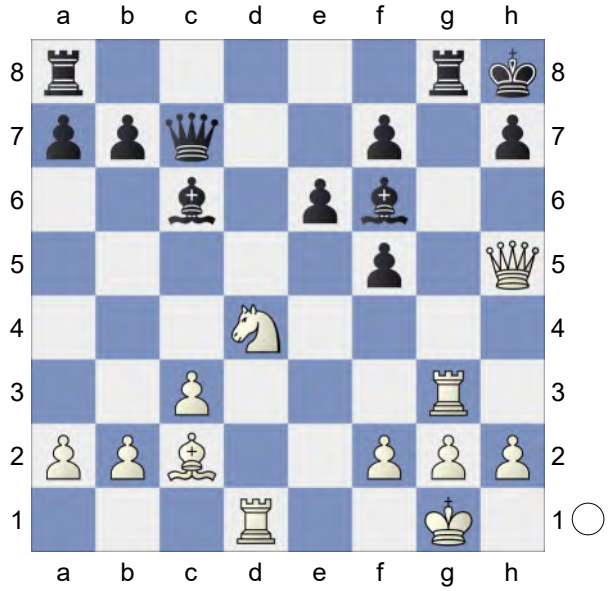
C10

□ **Wang,Hao** **2722**
■ **Vallejo Pons,Francisco** **2716**
Gashimov Memorial Blitz 8th (8)
[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Bd3 Nxe4 7.Bxe4 Nf6 8.Bg5!** is now more promising than 8.Bd3. im Vergleich zu 8.Ld3 vielversprechender.
8...c5 9.0-0 Be7
[9...cxd4 10.Nxd4 h6 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.c3 Bg7 13.Qa4+ Qd7 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qb5+ Qd7 16.Qb4 a5 17.Qc5 Qe7 18.Qb5+ Qd7 19.Qc5 Qe7 20.Qb5+ Kf8 21.Rfe1 Qc7 22.Rad1 Ra6 23.Qh5 f5 24.Bc2 ½-½ Goldberg,G (2524)-15. ♘c4 0-0 16.♕e5 ♖ab8 (2716) Saint Petersburg (zt) 57/538 1993 (16)]
10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.c3
[11.Qe2 f5 12.Bd3 cxd4 13.Rad1 0-0 14.c3 Bf6 15.Nxd4 Qb6 16.Bc4 Kh8 17.Rd3 Qc7 18.Rh3 Rg8 19.Rd1 Bd7 20.Nxf5 exf5 21.Rxh7+ Kxh7 22.Qh5+ Kg7 23.Qxf7+ Kh6 24.Qxf6+ Rg6 25.Qh4+ Kg7 1-0 Oskooei,M (2681)-Just,W (2598) Douglas ENG, Isle of Man Open 2017]
11...0-0N White is slightly better.
[11...Qc7 12.Qe2 Bd7 13.b4 f5 14.Bd3 cxb4 15.cxb4 Qd6 16.Ne5 0-0 17.d5 De Kok,W-6.♗b3 ♗c5 7.c3 URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]
12.Qe2 f5 13.Bc2 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Bf6 0.97/24
[14...Bc5± 0.50/20]
15.Rad1



Nd4xf5! would now be deadly. White is more active. **15...Qc7!N**
[Vorgänger: 15...Bxd4 1.38/20 15...Qd8-c7 0.85 16.Rxd4 Qf6 17.Qf3 e5 18.Rd5 Re8 2.06/20 *(18...Be6± 1.46/24 keeps fighting.)* 19.Ba4+- b5 2.47/21 *(⌓19...Be6* 1.97/22 *)* 20.Bxb5+- Bb7 21.Bxe8 Bxd5 22.Qxd5 Rxe8 ½-½ (72) Lacasa Diaz,J (2411)-Peric,S (2288) Salou 2006]
16.Rd3 Kh8 17.Rfd1 0.49/25
[Better is 17.Nb5± 0.91/24 Qe5 18.Re3]
17...Rg8 18.Rg3 0.04/20
[18.Nb5± 0.46/22 Qc6 19.Rf3]
18...Bd7= 19.Qh5 Hoping for Nd4xf5!
19...Bc6? 3.40/28
[19...Rg6= 0.00/22 and Black stays safe.]



20.Nxc6? 0.30/21
[White has to play 20.Nxf5!+- 3.40/28 Rxg3 *(20...exf5?* is the wrong capture. *21.Qxf5 Rg6 22.Rxg6+-* Remove Defender *)* 21.Nxg3]
20...bxc6 21.Rgd3 Rad8 Dodges Rd3-d7. The position is equal. **22.g3 Kg7 23.Kf1 Rxd3 24.Rxd3 Rd8 25.g4 Rxd3**
[25...fxg4 is interesting. 26.Rg3 Kf8 27.Rxg4 Qe5]
26.Bxd3 Endgame. KQB-KQB **26...Qd6 27.Qh3 fxg4 28.Qxg4+ Kf8 29.Qh3 h5 30.Qf3 Ke7 31.h3 h4 32.Ke2 a5 33.Qe4 Qe5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.30
½-½

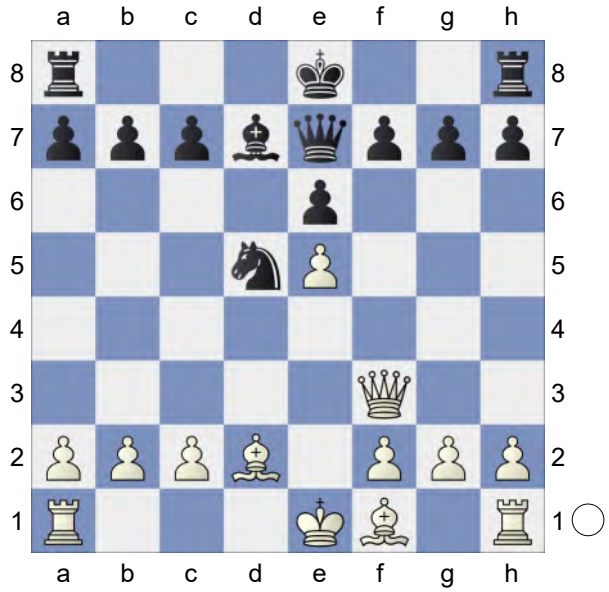
C10
□ **Sanal,Vahap** **2603**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2734**
EU-Cup 38th Durres (6.1) 06.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 RR: 'Chess Informant: 'Inf 107/82'' Van Delft/Ris: 'BEATING THE RUBINSTEIN In the French Rubinstein Black basically tries to exchange as many pieces as possible to release the tension. The currently prevailing white strategy seems to be: "OK, then I'll beat you in the ending." Karjakin-Navara is a perfect example of the queenside majority in action.' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Be3** 7.c3 is the recent fashion. 7.c3 ist aktuell in Mode. **7...Bd7**
[7...Nd5 8.Bd2 c5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.c4 Nb6 12.Rc1 Be7 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.b4 Be7 15.c5 Nd5 16.Ne5 Qc7 17.Qa4+ Kf8 18.Nd3 a6 19.0-0 Rd8 20.Qb3 h5 21.a4 h4 22.h3 1-0 Karjakin,S (2723)-Navara,D (2707) FIDE World Cup 2009 (3.2)]
[7...Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qe2 b6 10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nd5 12.h4

Nxe3 13.fxe3 Bf6 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qg4 Bxe5 16.dxe5 h5 17.Qg3 Qe7 18.Rhf1 a5 19.Rf6 Kh7 20.Rdf1 Kh8 21.Qg5 Kh7 22.Bxg6+ 1-0 Eveno,N (2197)-Batinic,M (1827) Split op 13th 2024 (1)]

8.Ne5 Ba4N

[Vorgänger: 8...Bd6 9.Qf3 Bxe5 10.dxe5 Nd5 11.Bd2 Qe7 1.79/19 *(11...Qh4=* 0.29/23 *)*



12.c4!+- Nb6 13.Qxb7 0-0 14.Qe4 Na4 2.29/20 *(14...f5±* 1.45/21 *15.exf6 Qxf6)* 15.b3 1-0 Nakamura,H (2802)-Balog,I (2531) Titled Tuesday intern op 2nd June blitz 2015 (6)]

[8...Be7 9.Qf3 0-0 10.Bd3 c5 11.dxc5 Qa5+ 12.c3 Bxc5 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.Bf4 Qc6 15.Qh3 e5 16.Qh4 exf4 17.0-0-0 Rfe8 18.Qxf4 Qa4 19.Bc2 Qxa2 20.Rxd7 Qa1+ 21.Bb1 Nxd7 22.Qf5 Nf6 23.Qxc5 1-0 Mohr,G (2421)-Kaselj,I (2153) 65/352 Belgrad 1995 (5)]

9.a3 Prevents Bf8-b4+ **9...Nd7** White has an edge. **10.b3 Nxe5 11.dxe5** -0.10/24

[11.bxa4± 0.39/24 deserves consideration. Ng6 12.Bd3]

11...Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1 Bc6 13.b4 a5 14.c3 axb4 15.axb4 Be7 16.b5 Be4 0.08/23

[16...Bd5!∓ -0.41/27 feels stronger.]

17.f3= Bc2 18.Rd2 Bg6 19.Kf2 b6! The position is equal. **20.Bd3 0-0-0 21.Rhd1 Bxd3 22.Rxd3 Rxd3 23.Rxd3 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Kxd8** Endgame. KB-KB **25.Ke2 c5 26.g4 Bh4 27.f4 Kd7 28.Bf2 Bxf2 29.Kxf2 Ke7 30.Kf3 g6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

½-½

C07

□ **Fedoseev,Vladimir1** **2683**

■ **Gledura,Benjamin** **2633**

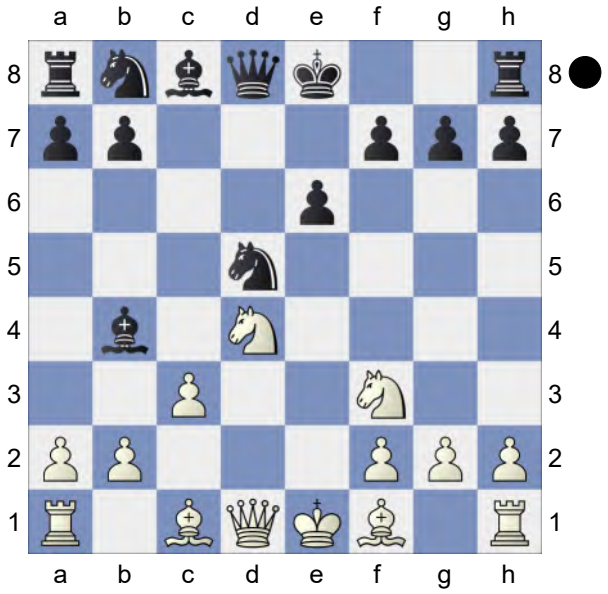
AI Cup Play In rapid (2) 18.09.2023

[Kitty Kat]

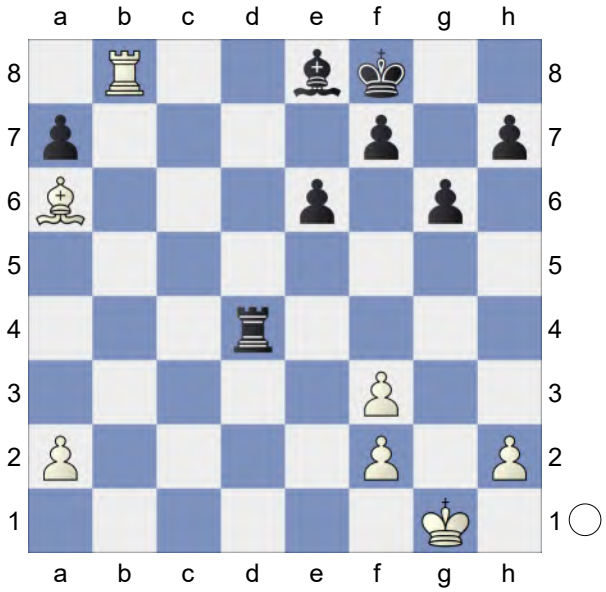
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.N2f3 Bb4+ 8.c3N** -0.60/22

[8.Bd2= 0.23/24 0-0 9.Bd3 *(9.c3 Bd6 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.0-0 a6 12.Re1 Qc7 13.Qe2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 Bxf4 15.Rad1 Nf6 16.Ne5 b5 17.g3 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Qxe5 19.Rxe5 Bb7 20.Ree1 Rfd8 21.Be2 Bd5 22.Bf3 Rac8 23.Bxd5 Nxd5* 0-1 Harika,D (2497)-Bluebaum,M (2640) Tata Steel-B 80th 2018 (7)*; 9.Bc4 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 b6 11.0-0-0 Bb7 12.Ng5 Qc7 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.Ngxe6 fxe6 15.Nxe6 Qf7 16.Nxf8 Qxf8 17.Bc4+ Kh8 18.f3 Nc6 19.Rhe1 Qc5 20.Be6 h6 21.Qd6 Qxd6 22.Rxd6 Nb4 23.a3 Nbd5* 1-0 7.f3 b5 8.♕d2 ♗b7 9. 000 bd (2503)-Russell,J (2361) FIDE World CH 1996 (4)*)* 9...e5 10.Nxe5

Qe7 11.f4 Nd7 12.0-0 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Bc5 14.c3 Qxe5 Tarrasch Variante-7 | Tarrasch mit 4.Sgf3 | Wei]

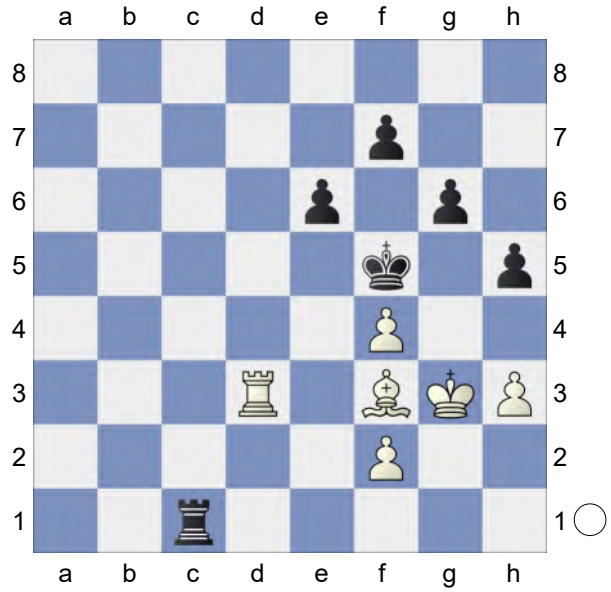


8...Nxc3!∓ 9.bxc3 Black is slightly better. **9...Bxc3+ 10.Bd2 Bxd4 11.Bb5+ Nc6 12.Rc1** -1.67/23
[12.Nxd4∓ -0.50/22 Qxd4 13.0-0]
12...0-0 -1.29/21
[Black should try 12...Bd7-+ -1.67/23 13.Bd3 Bf6]
13.0-0 -1.72/21
[13.Bxc6∓ -1.29/21 is a better defense. bxc6 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.0-0]
13...Bf6 -1.34/22
[13...Bb6-+ -1.72/21 14.Bxc6 bxc6]
14.Bf4 -2.01/21
[14.Bxc6∓ -1.34/22 was worth a try. bxc6 15.Qa4]
14...Qb6 15.Qa4 Bd7 -1.08/21
[15...Rd8-+ -1.62/22 16.Bxc6 bxc6]
16.Rfd1 -1.84/19
[16.Be3∓ -1.08/21 was called for. Qc7 17.h3]
16...Rfd8-+ 17.Rb1 Be8 18.Bd3? -3.14/22
[18.Rdc1∓ -1.56/17]
18...Qa5 19.Qe4 g6
[19...Qxa2? 20.Qxh7+ *(20.Rxb7? g6-+)* 20...Kf8 21.Rxb7+-]
20.Rxb7 Qd5 -1.29/20
[20...Qxa2-+ -1.83/19 And now ...Qa2-d5 would win. 21.Rc1 a5]
21.Rbb1 Rac8 -0.69/22
[21...Qxa2∓ -1.33/19 22.h3 Rac8]
22.Qxd5!∓ Rxd5
[22...exd5? 23.Ba6+-]
23.Ba6 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Rd8 25.Rb1 -1.27/22
[White should play 25.Rxd8 -0.91/20 Bxd8 *(25...Nxd8 26.Be3=)* 26.Bb5]
25...Nd4 26.Be3 Nxf3+ 27.gxf3 Bd4? 0.73/24
[27...Kg7∓ -0.92/21]
28.Bxd4!± Deflection **28...Rxd4** Endgame. KRB-KRB **29.Rb8** Threatens to win with Ba6-b5! **29...Kf8?** 3.31/26
[29...Kg7± 0.72/33 might work better. 30.Rxe8 Ra4]



30.Bb5!+- Rb4
[Of course not 30...Rd1+ 31.Kg2+-]
31.Rxe8+ KRB-KR **31...Kg7 32.a4 a6 33.Bxa6** 0.97/19

[33.Bc6+- 3.36/30 and the rest is easy.]
33...Rxa4± 34.Bf1 Rf4 35.Kg2 h5 36.h3 Rf5 37.Rd8 Rg5+ 38.Kh2 Rc5 39.Rd3 Kf6 40.Kg3 Kg7 41.f4 Kf6 42.Bg2 Rc1 43.Bf3 Kg7 1.46/36
[⌓43...Rg1+ 1.06/35 44.Kh2 Rc1]
44.Kh2 1.06/37
[⌓44.f5 1.46/36]
44...Kf6 45.Kg3 Kf5 1.82/30
[45...Rg1+± 1.06/34 46.Bg2 Ra1]



46.Re3 0.82/35
[46.Rd7!+- 1.82/30 is more deadly. Kf6 47.f5]
46...h4+ 2.32/30 **47.Kg2?** 0.36/30
[White must play 47.Kxh4+- 2.32/30 aiming for Re3-b3. Rf1 48.Kg3]
47...Kxf4 48.Re4+ Kg5 49.Rg4+ Kf5 50.Rxh4 Ra1 51.Rh7 f6 3.46/23
[Better is 51...Kf6± 0.40/36 52.h4 Rc1]
52.h4 e5? 5.46/23
[52...Ra4 3.33/21 53.h5 gxh5 Remove Defender]
53.Bd5 Rd1 54.Bc6 Rd6 55.Be8 Rd8 56.Bf7 g5 57.h5 g4 58.Rg7 Rh8 59.Kg3 Rh6 60.Rxg4 e4 61.Bg6+ Ke5 62.Rxe4+ Kd6 63.Rf4 Ke5 64.Kg4 13.17/17
[⌓64.Re4+ #36/25 Kd6 65.Kg4 Kd7 66.Kf5 Kd6 67.Kxf6 Kc6 68.Kg7 Rxh5 69.Bxh5]
64...Rh8 65.Re4+ Kd6 66.Kf5 Kd5 67.f4 Rb8 68.Kxf6 White wants to mate with h5-h6. **68...Rb2 69.h6 Rh2 70.h7 Kd6 71.Re5** What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.57
1-0

C07

□ **Korobov,Anton** **2663**
■ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2608**
Tata Steel-B 86th (8) 21.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.N2f3 Nc6 8.Bf4 Be7 9.Bd3N** -0.25/21 Recently 9.Bb5 got a lot of attention. 9.Lb5 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit.
[⌓9.Bb5 0.14/22 Qb6 10.c3 Nc5 11.Rb1 *(11.Qc2 Bd7 12.Be2 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 0-0 14.0-0 Rac8 15.Be3 a5 16.a4 Qc7 17.f4 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Nb5 Qb8 20.Rae1 Kh8 21.Qd1 b6 22.Bd4 Ne4 23.g3 e5 24.fxe5 Bxe5 25.Bg4 Bxb5* 0-1 Muzychuk,A (2505)-Lei,T (2548) Norway Chess Armageddon (Women) 12th rapid 2024 (1) *)* 11...0-0 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Be2 Rac8 14.Re1 a6 15.Bf1 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bb5 17.Nxb5 axb5 18.Be3 Qc6 19.Qg4 Ne4 20.Bh6 g6 21.Bxf8 Bxf8 22.Bd3 Nd2 23.Rbd1 Nc4 24.Re2 1-0 2.d3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 (2585)-Krueger,A (2667)

4647 Hastings 1946 (3.3) Qc7 25.Bxc4 bxc4 26.h4 h5 27.Qd4 Kg7 28.g3 Be7 29.Rb1 Qa5 30.b3 b5 31.b4 Qa3 32.Kg2 Ra8 33.Ra1 Qa6 34.a3 Qc6 35.Kh2 Ra4 36.Rea2 f5 37.f3 Bd8 38.g4 Qb6 39.Qf4 1-0 Sanal,V (2585)-Korobov,A (2667) FIDE World Cup 2023 (3.3)]

9...g5= Strongly threatening ...Nc6xd4.

[Vorgänger: 9...Nc5 0.46/20 9...g7-g5 -0.25 10.h4 Nxd3+ 0.55/21 *(10...Bd7= 0.11/22)* 11.Qxd3± h6 12.c3 Bd7 13.h5 Qb6 14.0-0 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 0-0-0 1.31/19 ;½-½ Souevamanien,P (1947)-Moreau, E (1862) FRA-ch op-B Albi 2022 (2) *(15...0-0± 0.61/19)*]

10.Bg3 Black is slightly better. **10...Qb6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.h4 gxh4** 0.18/19

[12...Qb4+ -0.23/20 is superior. 13.Qd2 g4]

13.Bxh4 Qxb2 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Rb1!

[15.Bxh7? Qc3+ *(15...Nxe5? 16.Nd2-+)* 16.Kf1 Nf8-+ *(16...Nxe5? 17.Ng5-+)*]

15...Qxa2 16.0-0

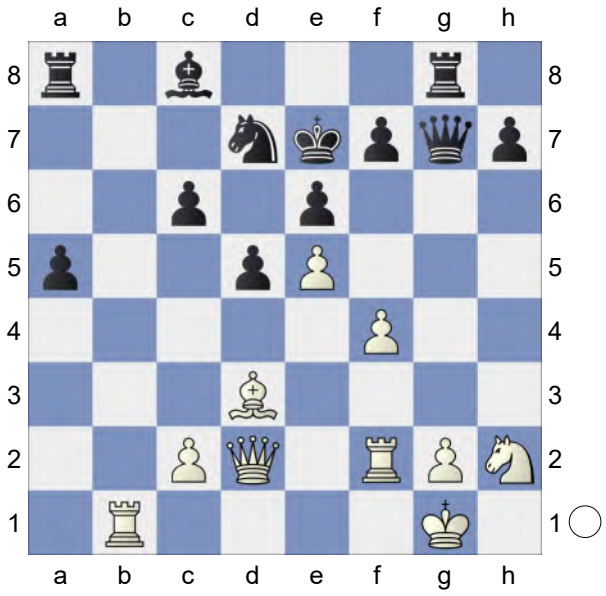
[16.Rxh7 Rxh7 17.Bxh7 Ba6∓]

16...Qa4 Dodges Nf3-d4 **17.Qd2** Hoping for c2-c4! White has strong compensation. **17...Qg4 18.Nh2!↑** White is in control. **18...Qg7 19.f4** Threatens to win with Qd2-a5. **19...Rg8** 1.49/18

[Black should try 19...a5 1.04/20]

20.Rf2!± a5

(Diagram)



21.c4! Ba6

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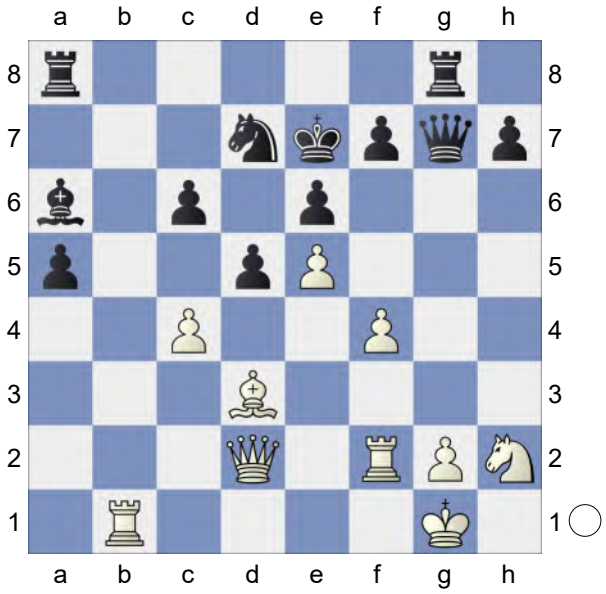

22.Nf3! Rgc8? 3.35/19

[22...dxc4? 23.Be4 Rgd8 24.Qd6+ *(24.Qxa5 Bb5±; 24.Bxc6 Nxe5* Discovered Attack *25.Qxa5 Nxc6=)* 24...Ke8 25.Bxc6+-]

[22...Rgb8± 1.57/20]

23.f5+- Qg4 4.23/23

[23...Bxc4? 24.f6+ Nxf6 25.exf6+ Qxf6 26.Bxc4+- *(26.Bxh7 Rcb8+-)*]

[⌓23...Nxe5 2.75/19 24.fxe6 fxe6 *(24...dxc4? 25.Nxe5 f6 26.Be4+-; 24...Nxf3+ 25.Rxf3 f5 26.Bxf5+-)*]

24.fxe6 2.53/15

[24.Qxa5? Bxc4 *(24...dxc4*

25.Bc2±) 25.f6+ Ke8-+]
[⌓24.Qh6 4.23/23]
24...fxe6 25.Qh6
[25.Qxa5? Bxc4 *(25...dxc4 26.Bf1±)* 26.Qb4+ c5∓]
25...Rg8 4.71/21 Prevents Nf3-g5.
[25...Rf8 2.60/18 might work better. 26.Rbb2 dxc4 *(26...Bxc4? 27.Bxc4 dxc4 28.Ng5+-)*]
26.Bxh7? 0.76/18
[26.Nd4!+- 4.71/21 is the precise move to win. Rac8 *(26...Qxd4? 27.Qxh7+ Kd8 28.Qxg8+ Kc7 29.Qxa8+-; 26...Nxe5? 27.Qf6+ Kd7 28.Qxe5+-)* 27.Bf5 exf5 *(27...Qxd4 28.Qxe6+ Kf8 29.Qd6+ Kg7 30.Qxd7+ Kh6 31.Qxh7+ Kg5 32.g4+-)* 28.Qd6+ Ke8 29.Nxf5 *(29.Nxc6 Rxc6 30.Qxc6 Bc8+-)*]
26...Rg7? 5.33/23
[26...Rgf8± 0.76/18 is a better chance.]
27.cxd5 Rh8 28.Nh2? 0.00/22
[28.dxc6+- 4.84/31 Rf2-d2 would now be deadly. Rgxh7 *(28...Rhxh7? 29.Qd2+-)* 29.Rd2 Nxe5 *(29...Rxh6 30.Rxd7+ Kf8 31.Rb8+; 29...Bd3 30.Rxd3 Nxe5 31.Rb7+* Skewer *Ke8 32.c7 Nxf3+ 33.Kf2)* 30.Nxe5 Qxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Rxh6 32.Rd7+ Kf6 33.Ng4+ Kf5 34.Nxh6+ Rxh6 35.Rb6 Rg6+ 36.Kf3 Be2+ Decoy 37.Kxe2 Rg2+ 38.Kd3 *(38.Kf3 Rc2+-)* 38...Rg3+ 39.Kc4]
28...Qg3= Some like it hot **29.Rb3?** -2.83/20 **Qxe5-+**
[29...Qxb3 30.Qh4+ *(30.Qxg7+ Kd8+-; 30.Qxg7+ Kd8+-)*]
30.d6+ -5.05/24
[⌓30.Qh4+ -3.22/21 Kd6 31.Nf3 Rgxh7 *(31...Rhxh7 32.Qa4=)* 32.Qxh7 Rxh7 33.Nxe5 Nxe5 34.dxe6]
30...Kd8 31.Qh4+ Kc8 32.Nf3 Qd5 What a bad dream for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/Black=0.63
[32...Rgxh7 33.Qxh7 Rxh7 34.Nxe5 Nxe5 35.Rf8+ Kd7 36.Ra8±]
[Weaker is 32...Qxd6 33.Rc2 Rgxh7 34.Qd4 Rh1+ 35.Kf2 Qxd4+ 36.Nxd4 Rf1+ 37.Ke3]
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C07
□ **Tomashevsky,Evgeny** **2681**
■ **Jumabayev,Rinat** **2598**
Wch Blitz Samarkand (7) 29.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Bd7 11.c3 Qc7 12.Be2N** -0.29/19 An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[12.Qe2± 0.31/20 Bd6 *(12...0-0-0 13.a4 Bd6 14.g3 h5 15.Nb5 Bxb5 16.axb5 b6 17.Ra4 h4 18.Qf3* C 07/26-N,N 1997*)* 13.Nb5 Bxb5 14.Bxb5+ Ke7 15.g3 a6 *(15...h6 16.Be3 Rhd8 17.Bd4 Rac8 18.a4 a6 19.Bd3 Kf8 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Qh5 Kg7 22.Qg4+ Kf8 23.Qh4 Ke7 24.Qxh6 Bc5* ½-½ Brameld,A (2076)-Ward,C (2513) Jersey Open Jersey JCI 2003 (1)*)* 16.Ba4 Rhd8 17.Qf3 h6 18.Bb3 Rab8 19.Rd1 a5 20.a4 Qc6 21.Qe2 Bc5 22.Bf4 C 07/27-N, N 1997]
[12.Bd3 0-0-0 13.Qf3 h5 14.h3 Ng4 15.hxg4 hxg4 16.Qg3 Bd6 17.f4 g5 18.Bb5 Bxb5 19.Nxb5 Qb6+ 20.Nd4 Rh4 21.Be3 Rdh8 22.b4 gxf4 23.Bxf4 Bxf4 24.Qxf4 R8h5 25.Qe3

g3 26.Qxg3 Rh1+ 0-1 Provotorov,A (2400)-Rojas Arca,A (2620) 86/(164) Bermuda 2003]

12...a6= 13.Bf3 Be7 14.Re1 The position is equal. **14...e5N** Repels g2-g3

[Vorgänger: 14...0-0 15.Bg5 Rad8 16.Qc2 Nd5 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Rad1 Nc6 19.Re4 Ne5 20.Qe2 -0.51/24 *(20.Bh5=* 0.00/20 *)* 20...Nxf3+ 21.Nxf3 ½-½ Wegerle,J-Zaragatski,I GER-ch U13 Friedrichroda 1997 (11)]

15.Qe2 0-0! 16.Bf4 exf4 17.Qxe7 Rae8 18.Qb4 b6 19.h3 h5 20.Nb3 Bf5 0.37/24

[20...a5= 0.00/24 21.Qd4 Rd8]

21.Qd4 Rd8 22.Qe5 Qxe5 23.Rxe5 g6 24.Nd4 Bd7 25.Rae1 Kg7 26.Be2 b5 27.Bf3 Rfe8 28.a3 Rxe5 29.Rxe5 Be8 0.79/24

[29...Bc8= 0.17/24]

30.Kf1 Kf8 31.Ke1 White has more active pieces. **31...Rd6 32.h4** 0.34/27

[32.Kd2± 0.74/20]

32...Bd7 33.Ne2 Be6? 2.02/22

[33...Bg4± 0.33/24]

34.Nxf4+- Bb3 35.Re3? 0.61/20

[White should play 35.Rc5+- 2.29/20]

35...Nd7? 2.40/23

[35...Bc2!± 0.61/20]

36.Rd3 Ke7 37.Nd5+ Kd8

(Diagram)

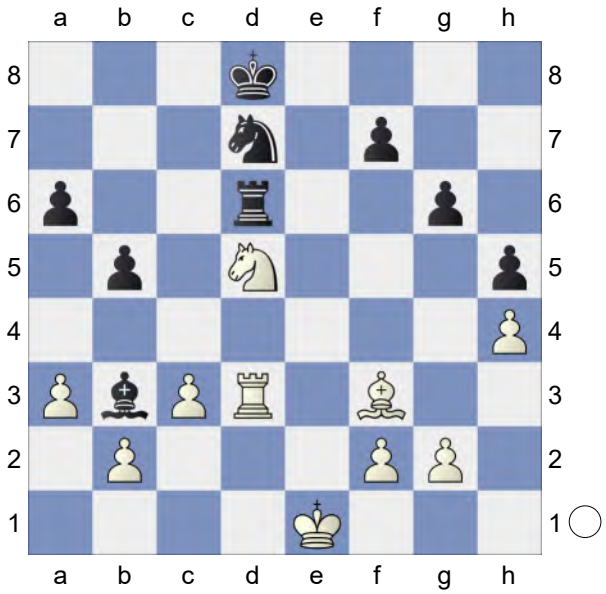
Threatens to win with ...Nd7-e5. **38.Nf4 Ke7 39.Bd5 Nc5 40.Re3+** 0.85/26

[40.Rd4+- 1.68/21]

40...Kf6± 41.Bxb3 Nxb3 42.Rd3 Rxd3 43.Nxd3± Endgame. aiming for Nd3-b4. KN-KN **43...Kf5** 1.09/26

[43...a5± 0.60/24 is more appropriate.]

44.f3 0.17/27



[44.Kd1± 1.09/26]

44...Ke6? 2.65/27 White stays focused until the end.

[44...f6!= 0.17/27 and Black has nothing to worry.]

45.Ke2 g2-g4 would now be deadly.

45...a5? 4.99/28

[45...Kf5 1.63/22 46.Nb4 Nc5]

46.Ke3? 1.78/25

[46.g4 4.99/28]

46...Kd5? 5.52/24

[46...a4 1.78/25 is tougher. 47.g4 Na5]

47.Nf4+ Ke5 48.Nd3+? 1.27/20

[48.g4+- 4.65/20 is the precise move to win.]

48...Kd5? 5.67/24

[48...Kf5± 1.27/20 is more resistant. 49.Nf2 Ke5]

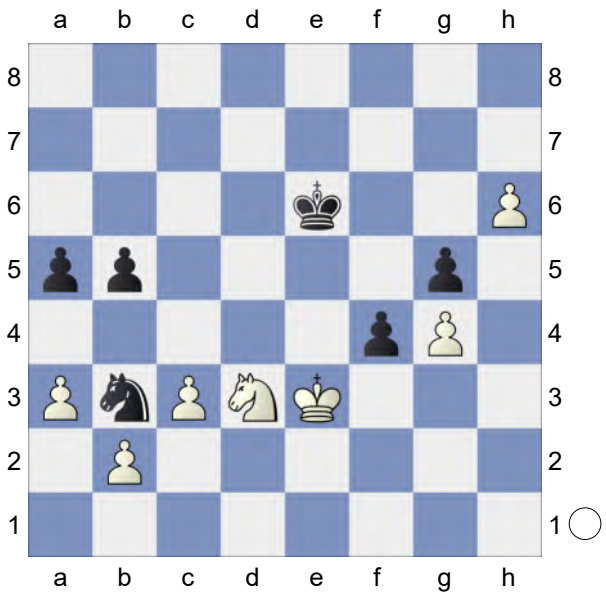
49.g4+- White is clearly winning.

49...hxg4 50.fxg4 Ke6 51.Kf4 f6 52.h5 g5+ 53.Ke3 f5 54.h6 f4+

(Diagram)

55.Nxf4+! gxf4+ 56.Kxf4 KN-KP

56...Kf6 57.Ke4 Nd2+ 58.Kd5 Nc4 59.Kc5 Nxb2 60.Kxb5 Nd1 61.g5+

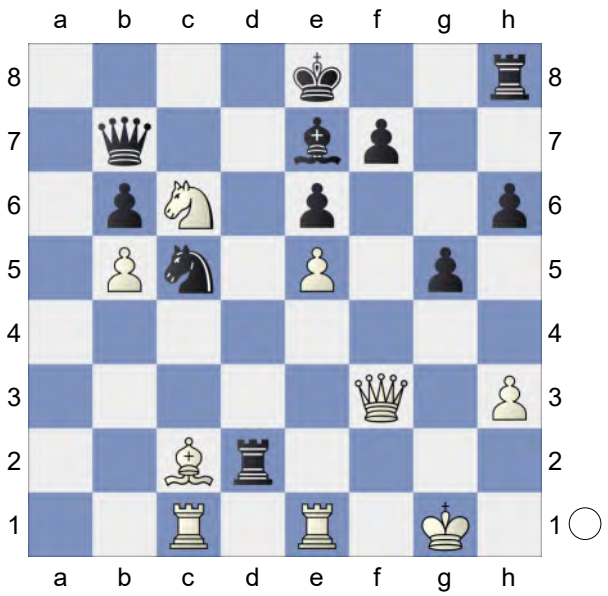


Kg6 62.c4 Ne3 63.c5 Nc2 64.a4 Nd4+ 65.Kb6 Ne6 66.c6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.63
1-0

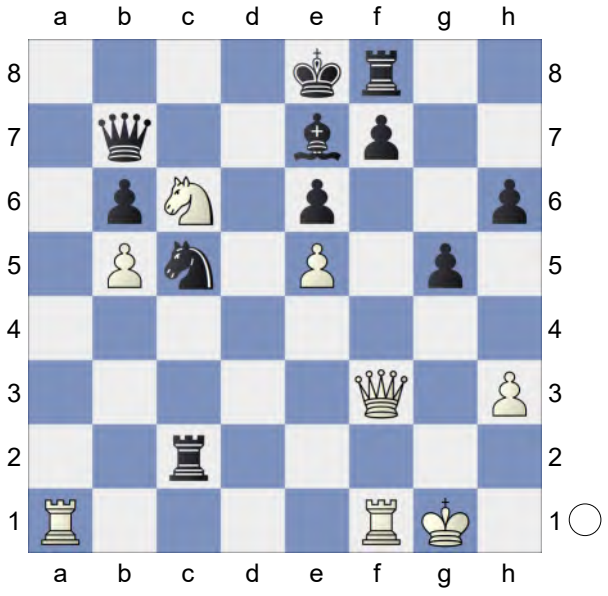
C03

□ **Antipov,Mikhail Al** **2601**
■ **Piorun,Kacper** **2611**
Chess.com Classic Play In rapid (7)
[Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 h6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.0-0** White is slightly better.
8...Qb6 0.93/24
[8...g5± 0.53/24 9.Bb1 *(9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Nb3 Be7 11.c4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Ndxe5 13.Qe2 Nxc4 14.Qxc4 Bf6 15.Be3 0-0 16.Rfd1 Qc7 17.h4 g4 18.Qxg4+ Kh7 19.Qh5 Bg7 20.Rac1 f6 21.Nc5 Qa5 22.Qg4 e5 23.Ne6 Rf7* 1-0 Radoszta,A (1867)-Rodriguez Caimmi,F (1651) ARG-ch sf 99th 2024 (6)) 9...g4 10.Ne1 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxg4 Qb6 13.Nd3 h5 14.Qd1 Bg7 15.Re1 f6 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Nb3 Ne4 18.Be3 Bd7 19.Nf4 0-0 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Nxd4 e5 22.Nb3 Qb5 23.Qd5+ Kh7 0-1 Fedorchuk,S (2673)-Naiditsch,A (2710) Hrvatska 122/78 2014]
9.Re1N
[9.dxc5 Qc7 10.Nb3 Ndxe5 11.Bf4 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Qd8 13.Bb5 #3 21. French 1.e4 e6 2.d4 − 2-3... h6 - 8â¦ Qb6]
9...g5 1.16/20
[9...cxd4± 0.62/21 10.cxd4 Nxd4]
10.h3!± Be7 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Nb3 0.91/21
[⌓12.Bc2 1.44/22]
12...Nd7 1.57/22
[⌓12...Nxd3 0.91/21 13.Qxd3 Qd8]
13.Qe2 Qc7 1.89/21
[13...Qd8± 1.44/21 14.Nbd4 a6]
14.Nbd4 a6 15.Bd2 White is more active. **15...Nc5 16.Bc2 b6** 2.16/21
[16...Bd7± 1.57/23 was called for. 17.a4 Rc8]
17.Nxc6+- Qxc6 18.Nd4 Dodges Qc6-b5 **18...Qc7 19.c4 Bb7** 2.36/24
[19...dxc4± 1.51/22 20.Qxc4 Qd7]
20.cxd5 Bxd5 21.Rac1 Qb7 22.b4 Nd7 23.b5 0.71/21
[⌓23.Bb3 1.48/22]
23...Nc5 1.20/19
[⌓23...axb5 0.71/21 24.Bb3 *(24.Qxb5 Bxg2 25.f3 Bxf3=)* 24...Bc4 25.Bxc4 bxc4]
24.a4 0.37/19
[24.Qg4± 1.20/19]
24...axb5± 25.axb5 Bxg2 26.f3↑ White has good play. **26...Rd8**
[26...Bxh3 27.Kh2 Bf5 28.Bxf5 exf5 29.Nxf5]
27.Nc6 Bxf3 1.04/19 **28.Qxf3±**
[Worse is 28.Nxd8 Bxd8 29.Qc4 g4∓]
28...Rxd2



29.Rf1 1.14/21
[Only move: 29.Red1!+- 2.27/24 Rd7 30.Rf1]
29...Rf8? 3.18/19
[29...0-0± 1.14/21]
30.Ra1+- Strongly threatening Ra1-a7.
30...Rxc2 3.98/23
[⌓30...g4 2.82/22 31.hxg4 Rxc2]



31.Ra7! Qxa7 32.Nxa7 White wants to mate with Qf3-a8+. **32...f5** 5.56/20
[⌓32...Rd2 3.72/20 33.Qc6+ Nd7 34.Qa8+ *(34.Qc8+ Bd8+-)* 34...Bd8]
33.exf6 White is clearly winning.
33...Rxf6 34.Qh5+ Kd7 aiming for ... Nc5-e4. **35.Qd1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.45
1-0

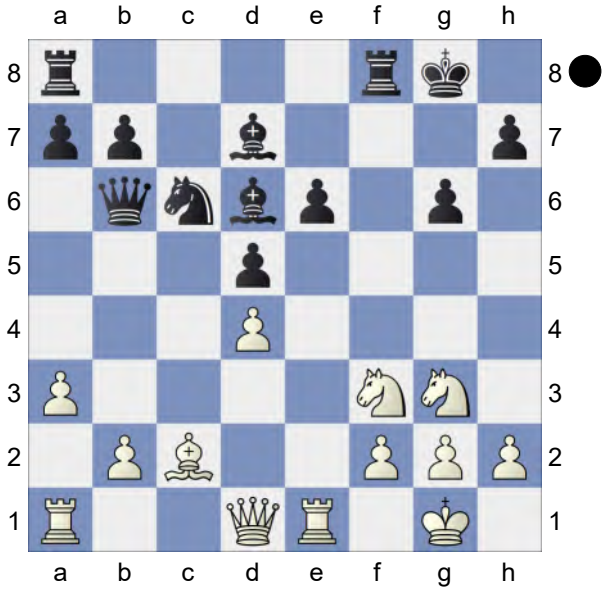
C06
□ **Kramer,A.** **2623**
■ **6.Na3 cd4 7.cd4 Bd7** **2702**
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines Gelashvili,Tamaz: 'Gelashvili,T: 'Inf 80/(286)" **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Bd3 c5 5.e5 Nfd7 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Nf3 Qc7 12.Bg5 0-0 13.Bh4 Nh5 14.Bg3**
[14.Rc1 is interesting. Qb6 15.Qc2 h6 16.Bg6]
14...Nxg3 15.Nxg3 -0.49/24
[15.hxg3± 0.34/20 Bd7 *(15...g6 16.Nc3 Qg7 17.Bb5 Rxf3 18.Qxf3 Nxd4 19.Qd3 a6 20.Ba4 b5 21.Bb3 Bb7 22.Ne2 Nxb3 23.Qxb3 Rd8 24.Nf4 Qf7 25.Rac1 e5 26.Nd3 Qf8 27.Rfe1 Re8 28.Rc2 Kh8 29.Rec1* Gelashvili,T (2519)-Iljushin,A (2509) 80/(286) Varna 2000 *)* 16.Rc1]
15...g6 16.Re1 -0.50/21
[16.Bb5= -0.14/22 is more appropriate.]
16...Qb6N Black is slightly better.
[16...Qg7 17.Bb5 Bd7 18.Rc1 Rac8 19.a3 a6 20.Ba4 Bb8 21.Rc3 Ba7 22.Bxc6 Rxc6 23.Ne5 Rxc3 24.bxc3 Bb5 25.h4 Qf6 26.Nf3 Bb8 27.a4 Bc4 28.Qd2 Bf4 29.Qb2 Rf7 30.Ne5 Bxe5 31.Rxe5 1-0 Cabiativa,J (2078)-Becker Newmark,J (1868) American Continental Blitz 18th 2024 (3)]
17.Bc2 Bd7 0.06/21

[17...Qxb2∓ -0.42/23 18.Bb3 Rxf3 19.Qxf3 Nxd4]

18.a3 -1.04/20

[18.Ba4= 0.06/21 keeps the balance.]



18...Rf6 0.27/22 Black is more active.

[18...Qxb2?! 19.Rb1 Qxa3 20.Re3∓]

[18...Rxf3!∓ -1.04/20 19.Qxf3 Nxd4]

19.Re3 Raf8 0.34/20

[19...Na5= -0.08/22 might be stronger.]

20.Ba4± Bf4

[20...Qxb2? 21.Rb3+-]

21.Rb3 Qc7 22.Rc3 a6 23.b4 -0.41/21

[23.Ne2± 0.31/25]

23...b5∓ 24.Bb3 Qb6 25.Ra2 Ne7 26.Re2 -0.48/24

[26.Rac2= -0.06/23 was preferrable.]

26...Nc8 0.27/24

[26...a5∓ -0.48/24]

27.Rc5= Nd6 28.Ne5 Prevents Nd6-c4

28...Qd8 29.Rc3 -0.25/21

[29.Qc2± 0.55/21]

29...Nc4 30.Nd3 Bb8 31.Nc5 Bc8 32.Bc2 -1.04/22

[32.Nf1= -0.14/21 remains equal.]

32...Qd6 0.00/21

[32...e5∓ -1.04/22 33.dxe5 Bxe5]

33.Rb3 -0.56/22

[33.Qe1= 0.00/21]

33...Kg7 -0.06/20

[Black should play 33...a5∓ -0.56/22]

34.Qd3 -0.65/22

[34.Qe1= -0.06/20]

34...Kh8∓ 35.Rb1 Qf4 -0.51/20

[35...Qe7∓ -0.89/21 36.Rbe1 Qg7]

36.Rbe1 Qh4 37.a4 Rf4 -0.44/24

[37...e5∓ -0.80/25 38.axb5 *(38.dxe5 Nxe5 39.Rxe5 Bxe5∓)* 38...Bg4 *(38...e4 39.Ncxe4 Re6 40.Ba4±)*]

38.axb5 axb5 39.Qc3 Ba7 40.Qa1 Bb6 41.Bb3 Kg8 -0.52/21

[Black should try 41...Qf6∓ -0.96/20 42.Kh1 Qg7 *(42...Rxd4? 43.Nxe6 Rg8 44.Nxd4+-; 42...Qxd4 43.Qxd4+ Rxd4 44.Nxe6∓; 42...Rxf2? 43.Rxf2 Qxf2 44.Rf1+-* Skewer *)*]

42.Rd1 Qf6 43.f3 Nd6 -0.07/20

[Better is 43...Bc7∓ -0.90/19]

44.Ree1 -0.56/23

[44.Qc3= -0.07/20]

44...Rh4 45.Qc3 Nc4 46.Nf1 Rf4 47.Ng3 Bc7 48.Nf1 Kg7 49.Re2 -1.14/21

[⌓49.Bxc4 -0.78/21 bxc4 50.Qa1]

49...h5 -0.70/19

[49...e5∓ -1.14/21 Strongly threatening ...e5-e4. 50.Qe1 *(50.Bxc4? exd4 51.Qc1 bxc4-+)* 50...e4 *(50...exd4 51.Nd3=; 50...Rxd4 51.Rxd4 exd4 52.Re6∓)* 51.Bxc4 bxc4]

50.Bc2 -1.83/18

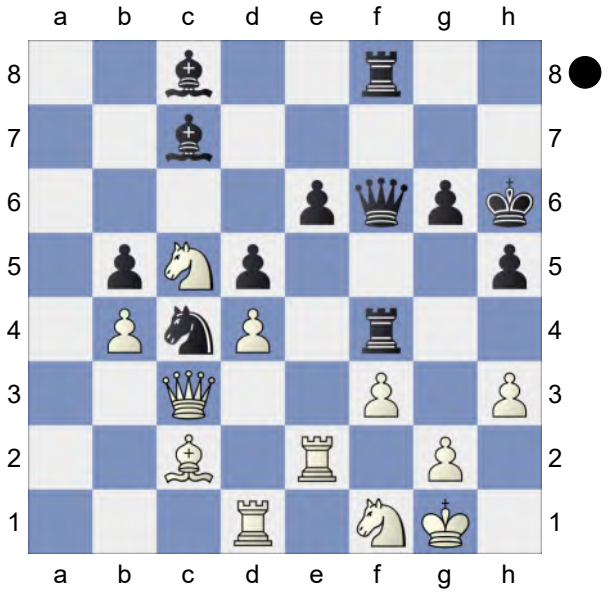
[50.Qa1∓ -0.70/19]

50...Kh6 -0.45/20

[50...e5-+ -1.83/18 Threatens to win with ...e5-e4. 51.Qa1 e4 *(51...exd4 52.Rde1∓; 51...Rxd4 52.Rxd4 exd4 53.Qa7∓)* 52.fxe4 Bg4]

51.h3? -2.18/17

[51.Rde1∓ -0.45/20 Re8 *(51...Qxd4+ 52.Qxd4 Rxd4 53.Nxe6±; 51...Rxd4 52.Nxe6 Rh4 53.Qd3+-)* 52.Ne3]



Now White is beyond hope. **51...e5!-+** White must now prevent ...Bc8xh3!
52.dxe5 -2.28/20
[⌓52.Qe1 -1.84/20]
52...Bxe5 53.Qb3 Bxh3 Deflection
54.Qd3 -5.32/19
[⌓54.Rxd5 -3.60/18 Bd4+ 55.Kh1]
54...Rd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.26 (precise)
0-1

C06
□ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2623**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2702**
Aimchess Play In op rapid (8) 12.06.23
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines Gelashvili,T: 'Inf 80/(286)' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Bd3 c5 5.e5 Nfd7 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Nf3 Qc7 12.Bg5 0-0 13.Bh4** 13.Bh4 scores better than 13.Rc1. 13.Lh4 punktet besser als 13.Tc1. **13...Nh5**
14.Bg3 0.30/22
[14.Rc1± 0.72/19]
14...Nxg3= 15.Nxg3 -0.44/23
[15.hxg3= 0.30/19 Qb6 *(15...g6 16.Nc3 Qg7 17.Bb5 Rxf3 18.Qxf3 Nxd4 19.Qd3 a6 20.Ba4 b5 21.Bb3 Bb7 22.Ne2 Nxb3 23.Qxb3 Rd8 24.Nf4 Qf7 25.Rac1 e5 26.Nd3 Qf8 27.Rfe1 Re8 28.Rc2 Kh8 29.Rec1* Gelashvili,T (2519)-Iljushin,A (2509) 80/(286) Varna 2000 *)* 16.Nc3]
15...g6 16.Re1 Qb6N Inhibits Bd3-b5. Black is slightly better.
[16...Qg7 17.Bb5 Bd7 18.Rc1 Rac8 19.a3 a6 20.Ba4 Bb8 21.Rc3 Ba7 22.Bxc6 Rxc6 23.Ne5 Rxc3 24.bxc3 Bb5 25.h4 Qf6 26.Nf3 Bb8 27.a4 Bc4 28.Qd2 Bf4 29.Qb2 Rf7 30.Ne5 Bxe5 31.Rxe5 1-0 Cabiativa,J (2078)-Becker Newmark,J (1868) American Continental Blitz 18th 2024 (3)]
17.Bc2 Bd7N 0.00/22
[Predecessor: 17...Qxb2 18.Rb1 Qxa2 19.Ng5 -1.29/23 *(19.Ba4!∓* -0.40/22 *)* 19...Rf6 -0.36/20 *(19...Nb4∓* -1.29/23 *20.Re2 Qc4)* 20.Rc1 -1.20/23 *(20.N3e4∓* -0.36/20 *dxe4 21.Nxe4)* 20...Bf4? 0.37/26 *(20...Qb2!∓* -1.20/23 *21.Nf3 Qb6)* 21.Nxh7!± Kxh7 22.Nh5! Bxc1 23.Nxf6+ Kg7 Hoping for ...Bc1-f4. 24.Ne8+ Kf7? 2.63/23 *(24...Kf8!±* 0.67/24 *)* 25.Nd6+? -0.16/24 *(25.Bxg6+!+-* 2.63/23 *Kxg6 26.Qg4+ Kf7 27.Nd6+ Ke7 28.Nxc8+ Kd8 29.Qxe6)* 25...Ke7= 26.Nxc8+! Rxc8 27.Qxc1 Kd7 *(27...Rf8!?)* 28.Bxg6 Nxd4 29.Qh6 -0.38/21 ;½-½ Priborsky,M (215)-Wambach,J (1983) Landesliga Nord 0910 2009 (2.5) *(29.Qe3!=* 0.12/22 *Qc4 30.Bd3)*]

[17...Qxb2∓ -0.40/24 18.Rc1 Rxf3 *(18...Qxa2 19.Ba4∓)* 19.Qxf3 Bd7]

18.a3 -1.17/19

[18.Ba4= 0.00/22]

18...Rf6 0.32/23 Black is more active.

[18...Qxb2 19.Rb1 Qxa3 20.Rxb7=]

[18...Rxf3!∓ -1.17/19 19.Qxf3 Qxb2]

19.Re3 Raf8 20.Ba4 Bf4

[20...Qxb2? 21.Rb3+-]

21.Rb3 Qc7 22.Rc3 a6 23.b4 -0.31/20

[23.Ne2± 0.32/25]

23...b5∓ 24.Bb3 Qb6 25.Ra2 Ne7 26.Re2 -0.36/24

[26.Rac2= 0.00/26]

26...Nc8 0.34/20

[26...a5∓ -0.36/24]

27.Rc5± Nd6 28.Ne5 Prevents Nd6-c4

28...Qd8 29.Rc3 -0.29/22

[29.Qe1± 0.46/22]

29...Nc4= 30.Nd3 Bb8

[30...Bc8 simplifies 31.Nxf4 Rxf4 32.Bxc4 bxc4 33.f3 a5]

31.Nc5 Bc8 32.Bc2 -1.07/23

[32.Nf1= -0.14/21 remains equal.]

32...Qd6 0.00/21

[32...e5∓ -1.07/23 White must now prevent ...e5-e4. 33.dxe5 Bxe5]

33.Rb3 -0.63/21

[33.Qe1= 0.00/21]

33...Kg7 -0.10/19

[33...Qe7∓ -0.63/21]

34.Qd3 -0.69/19

[34.Nf1= -0.10/19]

34...Kh8∓ 35.Rb1 Qf4 36.Rbe1 Qh4 37.a4 -0.86/24

[37.Qc3∓ -0.45/21]

37...Rf4 -0.44/25

[37...e5!∓ -0.86/24 ...Bc8-g4 would now be deadly. 38.dxe5 Nxe5 39.Rxe5 Bxe5 *(39...Qxb4? 40.Qxd5 Bxe5 41.Qxe5+-)* 40.Rxe5 Rxf2]

38.axb5 axb5 39.Qc3 Ba7 40.Qa1 Bb6 41.Bb3 -1.16/24

[⌓41.Nh1 -0.71/23]

41...Kg8 -0.57/24

[41...Qf6!∓ -1.16/24 42.Kh1 Qxd4 *(42...Rxd4? 43.Nxe6 Rg8 44.Nxd4+-; 42...Rxf2? 43.Rxf2 Qxf2 44.Rf1+-* Skewer *)* 43.Qxd4+ Rxd4 44.Nxe6 Bxe6 45.Rxe6 Bc7 *(45...Rxf2? 46.Bxc4* Remove Defender *bxc4 47.Rxb6+-)* 46.Bxc4 Rxc4 *(46...dxc4 47.Ne4∓; 46...bxc4 47.Kg1∓)*]

42.Rd1 Qf6 43.f3 -0.86/22

[43.Bxc4∓ -0.39/23 should be considered. bxc4 44.Qb2]

43...Nd6 -0.10/20

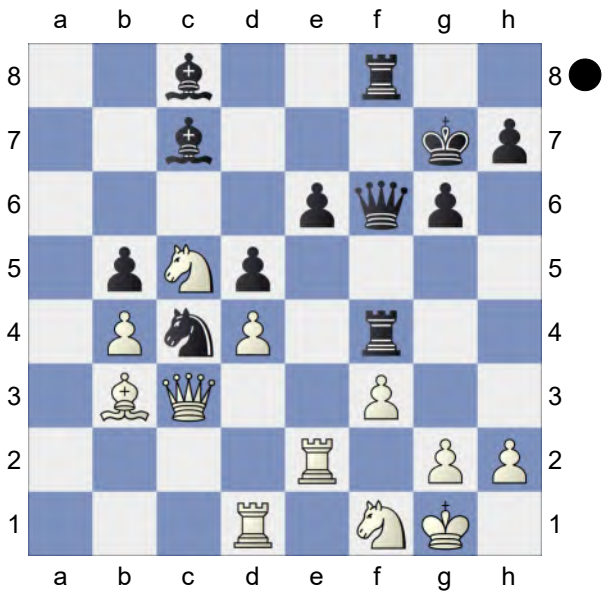
[43...h5∓ -0.86/22]

44.Ree1 -0.52/22

[44.Qc3= -0.10/20 feels stronger.]

44...Rh4 45.Qc3 Nc4 46.Nf1 Rf4 47.Ng3 Bc7 48.Nf1 Kg7 49.Re2 -1.42/20

[⌓49.Qa1 -0.72/22]



49...h5 -0.75/20

[Better is 49...e5! -1.42/20 aiming for ...e5-e4. 50.Qe1 *(50.Bxc4? exd4 51.Qa1 bxc4-+)* 50...e4 *(50...exd4 51.Nd3∓; 50...Rxd4 51.Rxd4 exd4*

52.Re6∓) 51.Bxc4 bxc4]

50.Bc2 -1.83/19

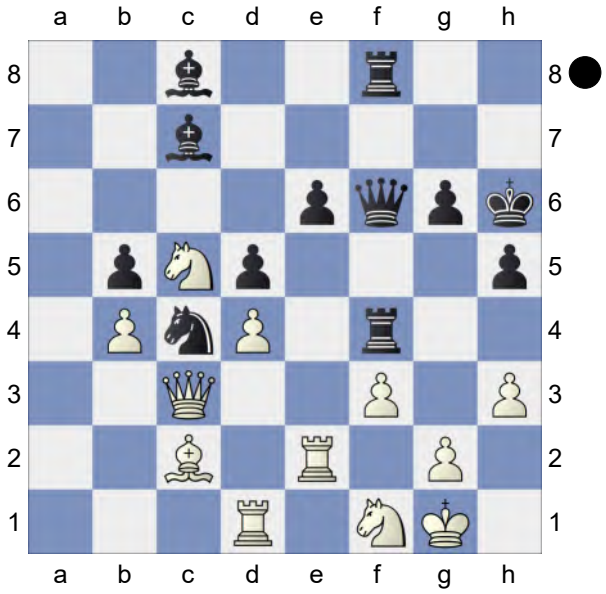
[50.Ra2∓ -0.75/20]

50...Kh6 -0.46/22

[Black should try 50...e5-+ -1.83/19 And now ...e5-e4 would win. 51.dxe5 Bxe5]

51.h3? -2.27/17

[51.Rde1∓ -0.46/22 Re8 *(51...Qxd4+ 52.Qxd4 Rxd4 53.Nxe6±; 51...Rxd4 52.Nxe6 Rh4 53.Qd3+-)* 52.Ne3 Qxd4 *(52...Rxd4 53.Nxd5 Bxh2+ 54.Kf1=)* 53.Qxd4 Rxd4 54.Nb3 Nxe3 55.Nxd4]



This move loses the game for White.

51...e5!-+ 52.dxe5 Bxe5 53.Qb3 -4.25/20

[53.Qe1 -2.34/19 Bc3 54.Qf2]

(Diagram)

53...Bxh3! Deflection **54.Qd3**

[54.Bb1 Bd4+]

54...Rd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.27 (precise)

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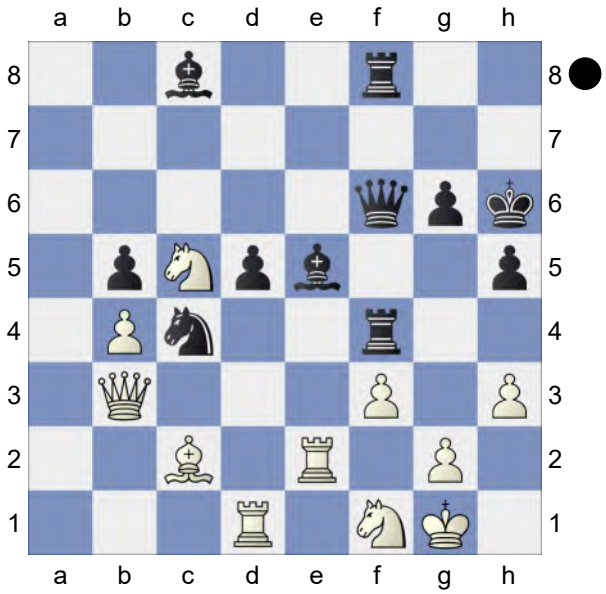


C10

□ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2646**

■ **Vallejo Pons,Francisco** **2716**

Gashimov Memorial Rapid 8th (4)

[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 Karjakin,Sergey: 'RR: 'Chess Informant: 'Inf 107/82" Van Delft/Ris: 'BEATING THE RUBINSTEIN In the French Rubinstein Black basically tries to exchange as many pieces as possible to release the tension. The currently prevailing white strategy seems to be: "OK, then I'll beat you in the ending." Karjakin-Navara is a perfect example of the queenside majority in action." **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Be3 a6** 0.64/23

[7...Nd5= 0.25/20 8.Bd2 c5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.c4 Nb6 12.Rc1 Be7 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.b4 Be7 15.c5 Nd5 16.Ne5 Qc7 17.Qa4+ Kf8 18.Nd3 a6 19.0-0 Rd8 20.Qb3 h5 21.a4 h4 22.h3 Rh5

1-0 Karjakin,S (2723)-Navara,D (2707) FIDE World Cup 2009 (3.2)]

8.Ne5

[8.Bd3 b5 9.a4 b4 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.c4 bxc3 13.bxc3 0-0 14.Rfb1 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nd5 16.Bd2 a5 17.Qh3 g6 18.Bh6 Nxc3 19.Bxf8 Bxf8 20.Bxg6 Ne2+ 21.Kf1 hxg6 22.Kxe2 Qxd4 1-0 Anton Guijarro,D (2690)-Vallejo Pons,F (2712) Chessable Masters Div 3 Lose rapid 2023 (3.3)]

8...b6N

[8...c5 9.dxc5 Qa5+ 10.c3 Bxc5 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.Bxc5 Qxc5 13.Nd6+ Ke7 14.Nxc8+ Raxc8 15.Be2 Rhd8 16.Qc2 a5 17.0-0 Rd7 18.Rad1 Rcd8 19.Rxd7+ Rxd7 20.Bf3 Qc4 21.b3 Qc5 22.g3 Rc7 23.Rc1 1-0 Hardaway,B (2378)-Takahashi,M (2043) US op 123nd Grand Rapids 2023 (6)]

9.c3 0.09/19

[9.Be2± 0.55/23]

9...Bb7= 10.Qa4+ Nd7 11.0-0-0 Bd6 12.f4 b5 13.Qc2 Bd5 14.Bd3 Nb6 0.51/21

[14...c5= 0.08/23]

15.f5 -0.11/18

[15.h4± 0.51/21]

15...Nc4 0.74/21

[15...exf5!= -0.11/18 16.Bxf5 g6]

16.Bxc4± bxc4 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.Qa4+ c6! 19.Rhf1 White has more active pieces.

[19.Nxc6? Qd7 20.Rhf1 Qxc6-+]

19...Bxe5 20.dxe5 Strongly threatening Rf1-f4. **20...Rf8** Black is weak on the dark squares **21.g3! Qc7 22.Bc5! Rf7 23.Rde1! a5 24.Qc2 Rxf1** 1.56/21

[⌓24...0-0-0 1.12/21]

25.Rxf1 0-0-0 26.Qe2

[26.Qxh7 Qxe5 27.Qc2 Qg5+ 28.Kb1 Qg4±]

26...Kb7 2.69/23

[26...Rd7± 1.55/20 was called for. 27.Rf8+ Rd8]

27.Qe3 1.55/21

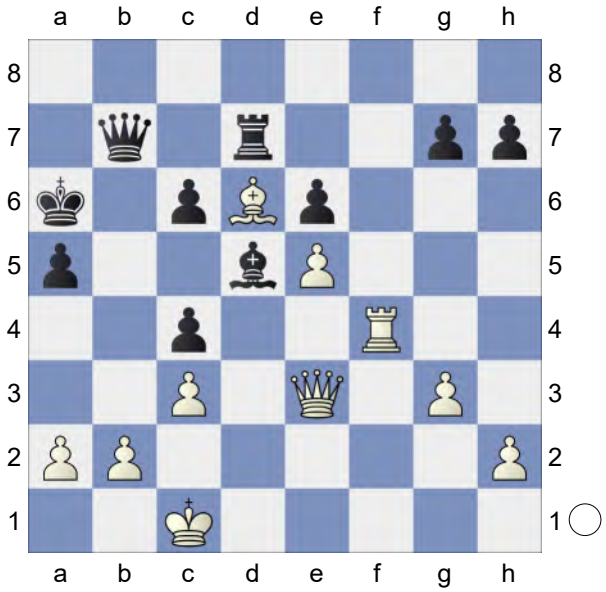
[27.b3+- 2.69/23 cxb3 28.c4]

27...Ka6 28.Bd6 0.49/20

[28.b4+- 1.70/22]

28...Qb7± 29.Rf4 Rd7 0.97/26

[29...g5± 0.48/22 was preferrable. 30.Rf6 g4]



30.Qf2 0.45/28

[30.b4!± 0.97/26]

30...Qb6 31.Bc5 Qc7 32.Bd6 Qb6 33.Qxb6+ 0.11/5

[White should try 33.Bc5!± 0.67/22 Qc7 34.Bd6 Qb6]

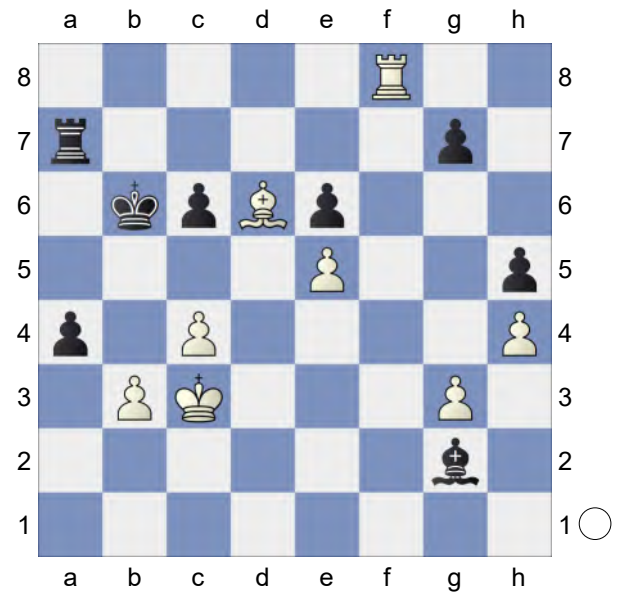
33...Kxb6 Endgame. KRB-KRB **34.Kc2 h5 35.h4 Kb5 36.b3 cxb3+ 37.axb3 Bg2 38.c4+ Kb6! 39.Kc3 Ra7** 0.68/28

[39...c5= 0.14/26]

40.Rf8 a4 1.44/24

[40...Rb7± 0.68/22]

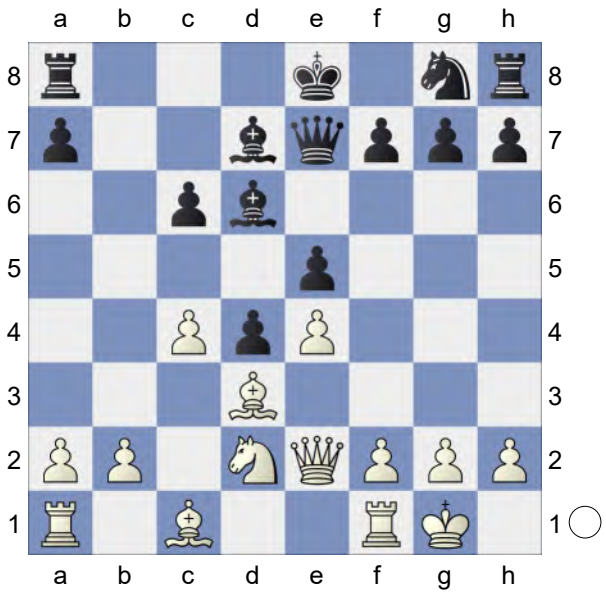
(Diagram)



41.b4 0.68/19
[41.Rf2!± 1.44/24 a3 42.b4 *(42.Rxg2? a2-+; 42.Kb4 Ra6±)*]
41...Rd7 42.Ra8 Kb7! 43.Rxa4 Rf7! 44.Bc5 Threatens to win with Ra4-a7+.
44...Rf3+ 45.Kd4 Ra4-a7+ would now be deadly. **45...Rxg3 46.Ra7+ Kb8 47.Bb6 Rg4+**
[47...g5 48.hxg5 Rxg5 49.Rh7=]
48.Kc5 And now Ra7-d7 would win.
48...Bf1! 49.Rf7
[49.Kxc6 Rxc4+ 50.Kd7 Rxh4]
49...Rxc4+? 2.59/5
[49...Bxc4± 0.50/24 50.Ba7+ *(50.Kxc6 Bd5+ 51.Kb5 Rxh4=)* 50...Kc8]
50.Kd6+- Bg2 51.Rxg7? 0.02/23
[51.Kxe6? too greedy. Bd5+ *(51...Rxb4 52.Ba7+ Ka8 53.Bc5±)* 52.Ke7 Bxf7 *(52...Rxb4 53.Rf8+ Kb7 54.Bf2=)* 53.Kxf7 Rxh4-+ *(53...Rxb4? 54.Bd8-+)*]
[51.Ba7++- 3.01/25 Ka8 52.Bc5 *(52.Rxg7 Bd5=)*]
51...Bd5= The position is equal.
52.Ba7+ Ka8 53.Bc5 Kb8 54.Ba7+ Ka8 55.Bc5 Hoping for Kd6-c7.
55...Kb8 56.Ba7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
½-½

C07
□ **Shevchenko,Kirill** **2671**
■ **Mishra,Abhimanyu** **2592**
FIDE Grand Swiss (11) 05.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

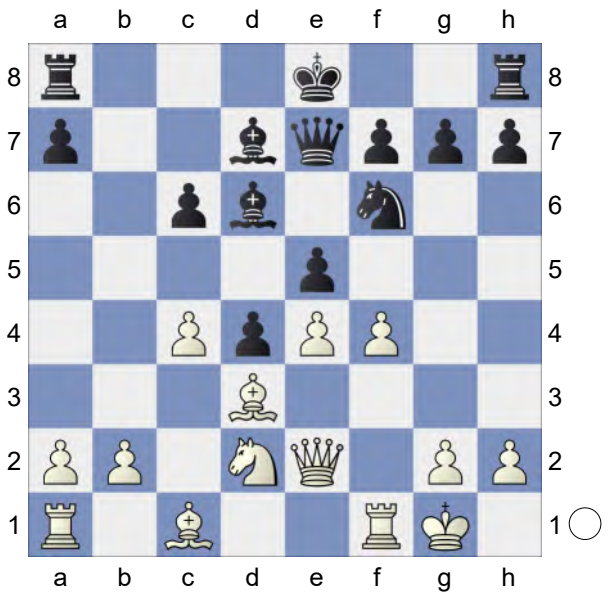
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6!** 8...Bd6 is better than 8...Qc7. 8...Ld6 ist besser als 8...Dc7. **9.Qe2 e5 10.0-0** The position is equal. **10...Qe7 11.c4 d4**



12.f4! Nf6

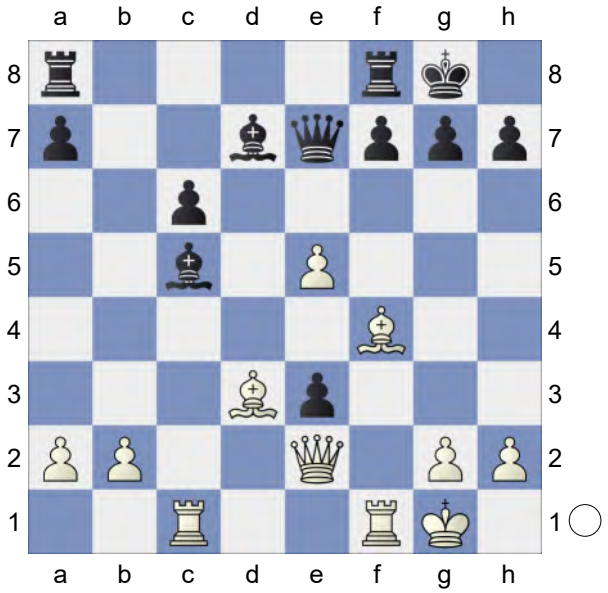
(Diagram)

13.c5! Bxc5 14.Nc4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Ng4! 16.Rac1 Black must now prevent Qe2-c2. **16...0-0N**
[16...Ne3 17.Nxe3 dxe3 18.Bxe3 Bb6 19.Kh1 0-0 20.Bb1 Qh4



21.Qd2 Qe7 22.Rfd1 Bg4 23.Bxb6 Bxd1 24.Bc5 Rfd8 25.Bd3 Qe5 26.Qxd1 Qxb2 27.Qc2 Qe5 28.Bf2 Qd6 29.Bc4 Kh8 30.Bb3 Rac8 31.Bg3 1-0 Frank,A (2332)-Bhakti,K (2313) Budapest FS02 IM 2023 (2) Qb4 32.h3 Qe7 33.Rf1 f6 34.e5 fxe5 35.Qe4 Rd4 36.Qf5 Re8 37.Bxe5 Rh4 38.Qf7 Qxf7 39.Rxf7 c5 40.Rxg7 1-0 Gieruszynski,R (2332)-Chapter Reversed Dragon (2313) (Game 26) Moscow 2007 (2)]

17.e5 Ne3N 18.Nxe3 dxe3



19.Bxh7+! Decoy **19...Kxh7 20.Qc2+ Kg8 21.Qxc5 Qxc5 22.Rxc5 Be6 23.Bxe3 Bxa2 24.Rxc6 a5 25.Ra1 Bb3 26.Bc5 Rfb8 27.Rc1 Be6 28.Ba3 Rb5 29.R1c5 Rxc5 30.Rxc5 a4 31.Rb5 Rc8 32.Bc5 Rd8 33.Bd6 Rc8 34.Bc5 Rd8** A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

C05

□ **Demchenko,Anton** **2619**
■ **Pichot,Alan** **2642**
Speed Chess Q1 Sw blitz (13) 21.08.23
[Kitty Kat]

C05: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7, 5 f4 and 5 Bd3 sidelines Zagrebelny, Sergey: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'C05: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7, 5 f4 and 5 Bd3 sidelines'' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3 b6 6.f4 c5 7.Ndf3 Nc6**

[7...Be7 8.Ne2 g6 9.g3 Ba6 10.Bh3 Nc6 11.0-0 cxd4 12.cxd4 b5 13.Rf2 b4 14.Be3 Qb6 15.b3 Bb5 16.Qd2 a5 17.g4 a4 18.Rb1 axb3 19.axb3 h5 20.f5 hxg4 21.fxe6 Rxh3 22.exf7+ 1-0 Zagrebelny,S (2480)-Temirbaev,S (2475) 74/293 Akmola 1998]

[7...Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.Ne2 g6 10.Be3 Be7 11.Rc1 c4 12.0-0 b5 13.Kh1 Nb6 14.b3 Nc7 15.Qc2 h5 16.Neg1 Qd7 17.Nh3 0-0-0 18.Nhg5 Rdf8 19.h4 Kb7 20.g3 Ka8 21.Nd2 Ne8 22.Ra1 0-1 Barglowski,F (2297)-Miton,K (2524) Lubniewice 2003 (5)]

8.Bd3N

[8.Bb5 Qc7 9.Ne2 Be7 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Be3 h6 12.Ng3 g6 13.b3 a6

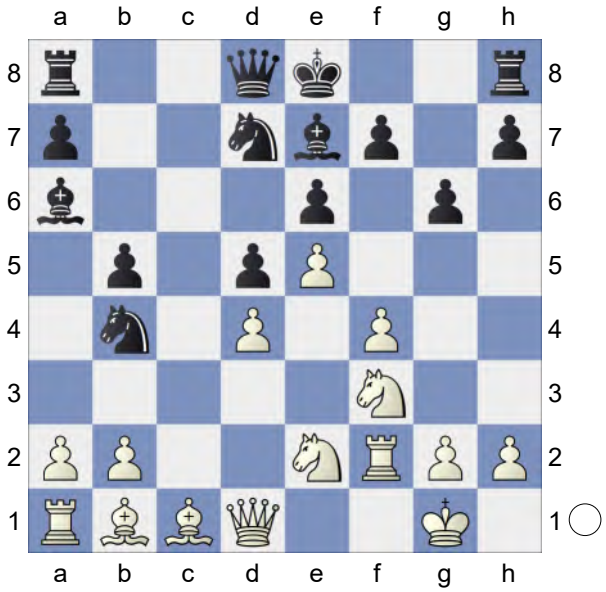
14.Bd3 Na5 15.Bc2 h5 16.Nh1 Rc8 17.Nf2 Nf8 18.Rc1 cxd4 19.Bxd4 Nc6 20.Bd3 Nd7 21.Qd2 Nc5 22.Bb1 Na5 0-1 Baklan,N (2670)-Pink, J 97N85 1997]

8...cxd4 9.cxd4

[Don't do 9.Nxd4?! Qc7±]

9...Nb4 White is better. **10.Bb1 Be7 11.Ne2 Ba6 12.0-0 g6 13.Rf2 b5** 1.76/17

[13...Nc6± 1.00/21]



14.Be3 1.11/16

[14.g4!+- 1.76/17]

14...Nb6 1.74/17

[14...Qb6± 1.11/16]

(Diagram)

15.b3!+- Rc8 16.a3 Nc6 17.Bd3 Nb8 2.42/21

[17...Nd7± 1.51/18 18.Kh1 Qb6]

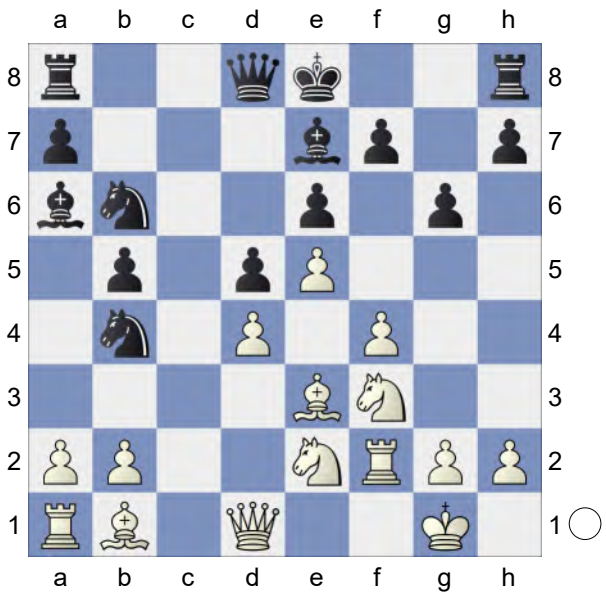
18.Bd2 Qd7 2.11/21

[18...b4 1.70/18 was called for.]

19.h3 b4 20.Bxb4 Bxb4 2.31/23

[⌓20...Bxd3 1.92/20 21.Qxd3 Nc6]

21.axb4 Bxd3 22.Qxd3 0-0 23.Nh2



h5? 4.01/19

[23...Qc7 2.17/20 24.g4 Qe7]

24.g4 hxg4 25.hxg4

[Weaker is 25.Nxg4 Kg7 26.Nf6 Qe7+-]

25...Nc6 26.f5 f5-f6 would now be deadly. **26...exf5 27.gxf5 Nxb4 28.Qd2 Nc6 29.Ng4** Threatening mate with Ng4-f6+. **29...Qd8 30.f6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.76. Loss on time!?

0-1

C07

□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2792**

■ **Karjakin,Sergey** **2743**

Gashimov Memorial Blitz 7th (5)

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5 Qxd5 7.N4f3N** -0.08/23

[7.Nb5± 0.34/19 Na6 *(7...Qd8 8.Bd3 a6 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.0-0 Ne5 11.Be2 b5 12.Nf3 Qxd1 13.Rxd1 Nc6 14.Bf4 Bb7 15.a3 Bc5 16.b4*

Be7 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 0-0 19.a4 bxa4 20.Nxa4 Nd5 21.c4 Nxb4 22.Rd7 0-1 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 ♘c6 (2796)-Das,A (2808) Wch U20 Yerevan 1999 (3.5)) 8.Nc3 *(8.c4 Qc6 9.Nf3 b6 10.Be2 Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nbd4 Qc8 13.Qa4+ Nd7 14.Bg5 Nac5 15.Qa3 Nf6 16.b4 Nce4 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.c5 bxc5 19.Bb5+ Ke7 20.Rac1 cxd4 21.Rxc8 Rhxc8 22.Ba6 Rab8* ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2703)-Ivanchuk,V (2703) 106/76 Biel 2009) 8...Qd6 9.a3 Bd7 10.Qf3 Bc6 11.Qg3 Nc5 12.Nb5 Qxg3 13.hxg3 Nd5 14.Nf3 Be7 15.Ne5 0-0 16.Nd4 Be8 17.b4 Nd7 18.Bd3 h6 19.Nxd7 Bxd7 20.c4 Bf6 21.Bb2 Nb6 22.Rb1 Rfd8 23.Nb3 ½-½ 7.Qa4 c6 8.Bf6 Bf6 (2448)-Moskvichev,V (2622) 50/127 Berlin 1990 (7)]

7...Be7= **8.Bc4** **Qc5** **9.Qe2** The position is equal. **9...0-0** **10.0-0** **Qc7** **11.Ne4** **Nxe4** 0.33/18

[11...b6= -0.18/16]

12.Qxe4± **Nd7** **13.Bd3** **Nf6** **14.Qh4** **Rd8** **15.Bf4→** White is up to no good. **15...Qc5** **16.Be5** **h6** **17.Rfe1** 0.08/19

[17.b4± 0.59/21 Qc6 18.Rfe1]

17...Bd7 **18.Nd4** **Be8** **19.Re3** -0.68/20

[19.Nf3= 0.00/24]

19...Nd5 0.34/22

[19...Nd7∓ -0.68/20 20.Qe4 g6 *(20...Nxe5 21.Qh7+ Kf8 22.Qh8#; 20...f5 21.Qxb7 Nxe5 22.Nxe6=)*]

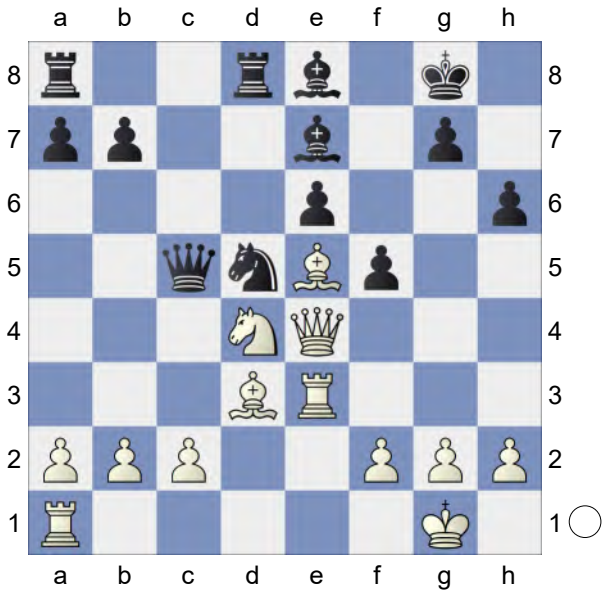
20.Qe4 **f5?** 2.09/21

[20...g6!± 0.41/25 21.Rh3 Bf8]

(Diagram)

This move loses the game for Black.

21.Rg3!+- **g5** 3.22/21



[21...fxe4? 22.Rxg7+ Kh8 23.Rxe7+ Kg8 24.Rg7+ *(24.Nxe6? Qxe7 25.Bc4 Qxe6-+)* 24...Kh8 25.Rxb7+ *(25.Nxe6 Qd6+-)* 25...Kg8 26.Rg7+ *(26.Bxe4? Ne7-+)* 26...Kh8 27.Rb7+ *(27.Rxa7+ Kg8+-; 27.Nxe6 exd3 28.Rc7+ Kg8+-; 27.Bxe4 Nc3+-)* 27...Kg8 28.Rg7+ *(28.Bxe4? Ne7-+)* 28...Kh8 29.Rg4++- *(29.Rxa7+ Kg8+-; 29.Nxe6 Qd6+-; 29.Bxe4 Nc3+-; 29.Rxa7+ Kg8+-; 29.Nxe6 exd3 30.Rxa7+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kg8+-; 29.Bxe4 Nc3+-)*]

[⌓21...Bg5 1.84/21 22.Qe1 Qe7]

22.Qe2 **Bf7**

(Diagram)

23.Nxe6! Deflection **23...Bxe6**

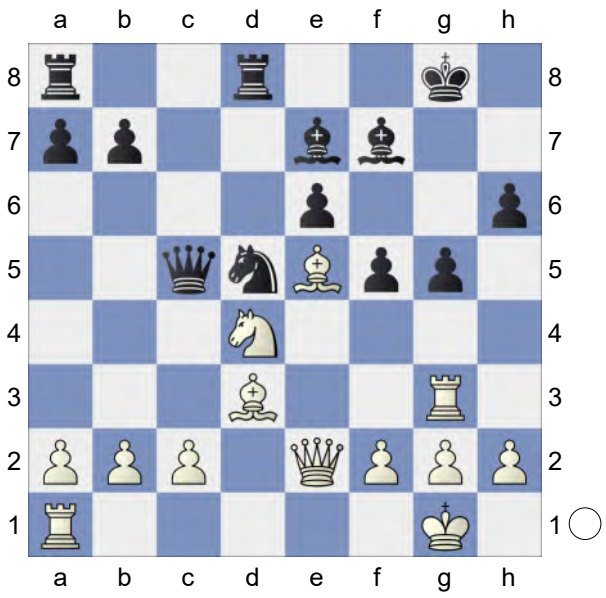
[23...Qc6 24.Nxd8]

24.Qh5 **Nf4** Prevents Qh5-g6+.

[24...Kh7 25.Bxf5+ Kg8 26.Bxe6+ Kh7 27.Qf7#]

25.Bxf4 **Kg7** Against Qh5-g6+ **26.Re1** **Bf7** **27.Be5+** **Qxe5** **28.Rxe5** **Bxh5** **29.Rxe7+** **Bf7** **30.f4**

[30.Bxf5? Rd1+]



[30.Rxb7 Rdb8 31.Rc7 f4]

30...Kf6 31.Rxb7 gxf4 32.Rh3 h5 33.Rb4 Kg5 34.Rf3 Bxa2 35.b3

[But not 35.Rbxf4 Be6 36.h4+ *(36.Bxf5 Rd1+ 37.Kf2 Bxf5+-)* 36...Kh6 37.Bxf5 Bxf5+-]

35...Rac8 36.Rbxf4 Rd5 37.Rxf5+ Rxf5 38.Rxf5+ Kh6 39.Rf7 aiming for h2-h4! **39...Bb1** 8.53/26

[⌓39...h4 4.57/19 40.Rxa7 Bxb3 41.Rh7+ *(41.cxb3 Kg5+-)* 41...Kg5 42.cxb3 Rd8]

40.h4

[Not 40.Rxa7 Bxc2 41.Ra6+ Kg7±]

40...Bxc2 41.Rh7# Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=0.48. An unexpected result.

½-½

C07

□ **Hansen,Eric** **2609**

■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2669**

Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late b..

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.dxc5 Nf6 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Ngf3 Qxc5 7.a3N** -0.10/24 An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

[7.Bd3± 0.32/20 Nbd7 8.0-0 *(8.Qe2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.b3 b6 11.Ne4 Qc7 12.Bb2 Bb7 13.Rad1 Rad8 14.c4 Nc5 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nxf6+ gxf6 17.Bc2 Qf4 18.Rfe1 Kh8 19.Qe3 Qxe3 20.fxe3 Ne4 21.Bxe4 Bxe4 22.Kf2 Kg7* 0-1 Drozdowski,K (2448)-Piorun,K (2597) chess.com Speed Poland blitz 2024 (1.8)*)* 8...Qc7 9.Nb3 Bd6 10.c3 0-0 11.h3 b6 12.Qe2 Bb7 13.Nbd4 a6 14.Bc2 Rfe8 15.Bg5 Nd5 16.Rfe1 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Bxf4 18.Be4 Nf6 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Rad1 b5 21.a3 Rac8 22.g3 0-1 Tanikin,I (1952)-Shah,M (1801) FIDE World Bl Team Final blitz 2024 (2.2)]

7...Nbd7 8.Bd3 The position is equal.

8...Qc7 9.0-0 Be7N

[Vorgänger: 9...Nc5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Ncxd7 12.c4 a5 13.b3 Be7 14.Bb2 0-0 15.Qe2 Rfd8 0-1 Ribera Veganzones,J (2221)-Espinosa Aranda,A (2429) Alicante Easter op 7th 2023 (3)]

10.Re1 0-0 11.Qe2 -0.30/22

[⌓11.Ne4 0.23/20]

11...Nc5= 12.Bc4 a6 13.b4 Na4

[13...b5!?]

14.Bb3 Nc3 15.Qc4 Qxc4 16.Nxc4 b5 17.Nb6 Rb8 18.Nxc8 -0.51/23

[18.Bb2= 0.00/23]

18...Rbxc8∓ 19.Ne5 Nfd5 20.g3 Rfd8 21.Kg2 Bf6 22.h4 Nb6 -0.06/26 A dynamic duo of knights.

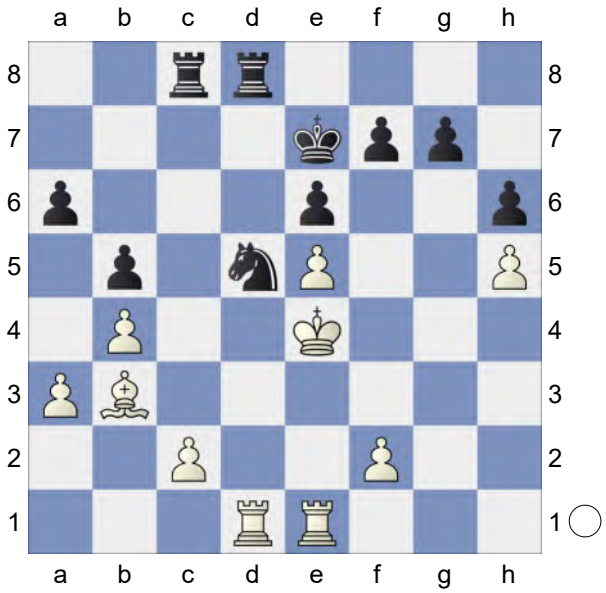
[22...h6∓ -0.44/23]

23.Bg5

[23.Nxf7!? Kxf7 24.Bxe6+ Kf8 25.Bxc8 Rxc8 26.Bg5=]

23...Rd6 24.Ng4 Bd4 25.Bf4 Rdd8

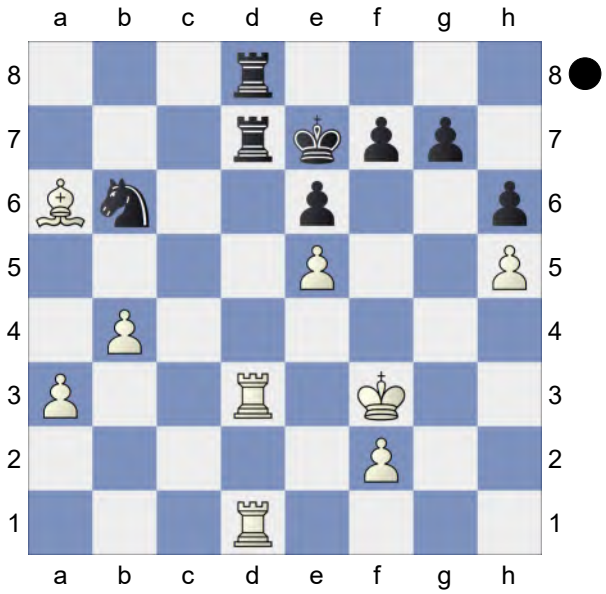
26.Bg5! Rd6 27.Bf4 Rdd8 28.Bg5 Re8 29.h5 h6 30.Bf4 -0.57/24
[30.Be3= -0.06/27 Red8 31.Ne5]
30...Ncd5 -0.15/20
[30...Red8∓ -0.57/24]
31.Rad1= Nxf4+ 32.gxf4 Red8 33.Kf3 Kf8 34.Ne5 Bxe5 35.fxe5 Ke7 36.Ke4 Nd5



aiming for ...Nd5-c3+. **37.Rd3 Rc7** 0.48/24
[37...g5= 0.00/27 is superior.]
38.Rg1
[38.f4 is more complex. Rc3 39.Red1 Rdc8 40.R1d2]
38...Kf8! 39.Kf3 Rcd7 40.Rgd1 Ke7 41.c4 bxc4 42.Bxc4 Nb6 1.28/20
[42...g6± 0.39/20]
43.Bxa6±

(Diagram)

Ba6-b5 would now be deadly. White is more active. **43...Ra8 44.Bb5↑** Keeping Black busy. **44...Rda7** 1.94/20
[44...Rc7± 1.04/21]
45.Bc6+- Rc8 46.b5 Nc4? 5.99/22
[46...Ra4 1.73/20 47.Kg2 Rg4+ 48.Rg3 Rxg3+ 49.fxg3 *(49.Kxg3*



Rc7±) 49...Nc4 50.Rd7+ Kf8]
47.Rd7+ Rxd7 48.Rxd7+ Endgame. KRB-KRN **48...Kf8 49.Kf4 Na5 50.Rd6 Nc4 51.Rd4 Na5 52.Be4 Ke7** 5.95/21
[⌓52...Rc5 4.22/21 53.b6 f6]
53.Ra4 Nb3 54.Ra7+ Kf8 55.a4 Rc4 56.Ke3 Rb4 57.Ra8+ Ke7 58.Ra7+ Kf8 59.f4 Nc5 60.Bc2 Rc4 61.Bd1 Re4+ 62.Kd2 Rd4+ 63.Kc2? 1.33/20
[63.Kc1+- 4.94/22]
63...Rc4+? 5.45/20 A mistake that costs the game.
[63...Nxa4± 1.33/20 is tougher. 64.f5 exf5]
64.Kb2 Rd4 65.Bc2 Rxf4 66.Kc3 Repels Rf4-c4+ **66...f6 67.b6 fxe5 68.a5 e4 69.Kd4 e3+ 70.Kxe3 Rb4 71.Bg6 e5 72.Rf7+ Kg8 73.Rc7 Rb3+ 74.Ke2 Rb2+ 75.Kd1 Kf8 76.Rxc5** KRB-KR **76...Ke7 77.Rxe5+ Kf6 78.Re2 Kg5 79.Rxb2** White mates. **79...Kh4 80.b7 Kg3 81.b8Q+ Kh3 82.Qh2+ Kg4 83.Rb4+ Kf3 84.Qf4+ Kg2 85.Rb2+ Kh1 86.Qh2#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.30
1-0

C07

□ **Panarin,Mikhail** **2562**

■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2649**

Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd Apr Late bl..

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Be7 11.Re1 0-0 12.c3 Qc7!** 12...Qc7 is better than 12...Bd7. 12...Dc7 ist besser als 12...Ld7. **13.Bb3 b6 14.Bg5N**

[14.Qe2 Kh8 15.Qf3 Bb7 16.Qh3 Rad8 17.Bg5 Ne4 18.Be3 Bf6 19.Rad1 Nc5 20.Bc2 Be4 21.Nb5 Qb8 22.Bxe4 Nxe4 23.Bd4 Ng5 24.Qe3 e5 25.Bxe5 Qxe5 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Qxe5 Bxe5 28.h4 Ne4 0-1 Kleiman,J (2399)-Bluebaum,M (2670) Speed Chess Q2 Sw blitz 2023 (1)]

[14.Qf3 Bb7 15.Bf4 Bxf3 16.Bxc7 Bd5 17.Bg3 *(17.Be5 Bb7 18.a4 a6 19.Rad1 Bc5 20.Nc2 Rfd8 21.Bd4 Nd7 22.Ne3 Rac8 23.Bc2 Bf8 24.Ng4 Bc5 25.Ne3 Kf8 26.f3 h5 27.Kf2 Be7 28.Bb3 Nc5 29.Bc2 Bc6 30.b3 Nd7 31.Nc4 Bd5* 1-0 5.♕d2 b5 6.f3_46511 (2147)-Sanjuan Garcia, M (2628) (Game 7) Semmering 1926 (6) *)* 17...Rac8 18.h3 Rfd8 19.Be5 a5 20.Ba4 Nd7 21.Bh2 g6 22.Bb5 Bb7 23.Rad1 Nf6 24.Bf1 Nd5 25.Nb5 Bc5 26.a3 a4 27.Rd2 Nf6 28.Nd4 Bxd4 0-1 Omonova,U (2102)-Guo,Q (2362) Kazan BRICS Games Blitz (Women) 2024 (4)]

14...Bb7 Dodges Qd1-f3 **15.Qd3N** -1.04/19

[Vorgänger: 15.h3 a5 16.Bh4 Rfd8 17.Qe2 And now Nd4xe6! would win. Bc5 18.Bg3 Qe7 19.Be5 a4 20.Bc2 Nd7 21.Bg3 a3 22.b3 Qg5 23.Rad1 Nf6 24.Qe5 ½-½ Jabot,D (2244)-Perevozchikov,V (2261) FICGS class M 000100 email 2022 (1)]

[15.Qe2= 0.15/23]

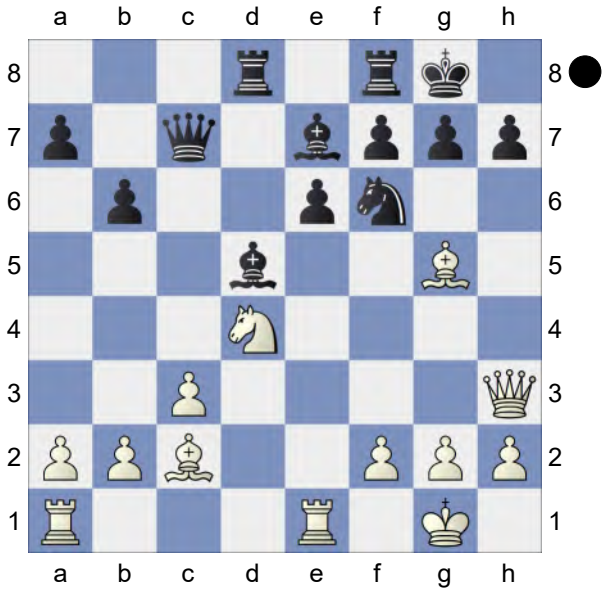
15...Rad8 0.09/22

[Black should play 15...Ng4∓ -1.04/19 16.Qh3 Nxf2]

16.Qh3= Bd5 1.42/20

[16...Ne4= 0.03/21 17.Bxe7 Qxe7]

17.Bc2±



Threatens to win with Bg5xf6. White is more active. **17...g6** 0.41/19

[17...h5+- 1.68/23 18.Qh4 Rfe8]

18.Qh4? 2.12/18

[18.Bh6± 0.41/19]

18...Kg7+- 19.Bh6+ Kg8 20.Bg5 Kg7 21.Bh6+ Kh8 2.50/21

[21...Kg8 1.70/23 was necessary.]

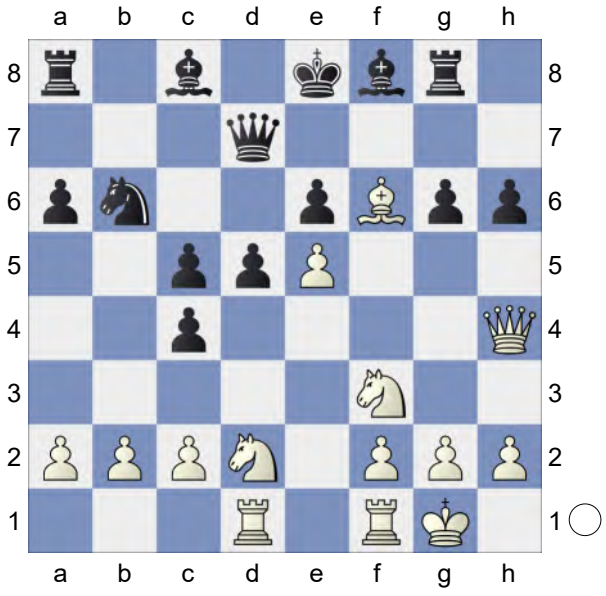
22.Bxf8 Rxf8 23.Qg3 Bd6 24.Qh4 Be7 25.Qg3 Bd6 26.Qh4 Be7! Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.33

½-½

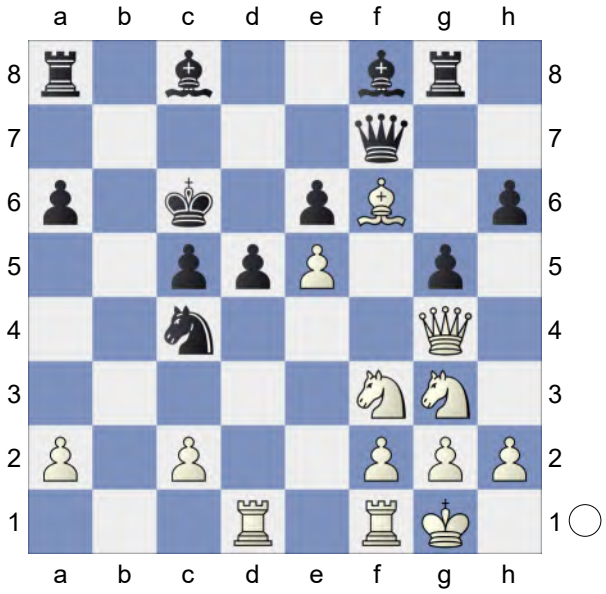
C04
□ **Giri,Anish** **2774**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2756**
chess.com Speed 2021 blitz (1.34)8.11.21
[John Watson,Kitty Kat]

C04: French Tarrasch: 3...Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.Nb3 f6?** This has scored very poorly over the years and looks like a big mistake. Duda was presumably making it up as he went along.
[6...a5 is the main move]
7.Bb5! This cast doubt upon 6...f6.
[7.exf6 is examined in Sandhu-Buhmann in the Archives.]
7...fxe5
[7...a6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.0-0! is too slow, e.g., Be7 2.08/24 *(9...a5± 1.14/21)* 10.Na5!+- Nb8 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.b4! 0-0 13.Re1 with a terrible bind.]
[Another game this month, Zakrzewski,M (2287)-Balog,I (2577) Katowice 2021, went 7...Be7 1.40/20 7...a7-a5 0.93, when 8.exf6! is most convincing: Nxf6 *(8...Bxf6 9.0-0)* 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Ne5+-]
8.dxe5 Surprisingly, this position is already terrible for Black. **8...Qe7** aiming for ...Qe7-b4+.
[8...Be7 is natural, but then 9.Nbd4! hits e6, forcing Ndb8, when various moves are attractive, but simplest looks
A) 10.Ng5!? 0.70/21 10.h2-h4 1.16 Bxg5 11.Qh5+ g6 12.Qxg5 Bd7 13.Nxc6 Qxg5 14.Bxg5± Nemeth,M (2469)-Balog,I (2548) Hungary 2016;
B) 10.h4 0-0 11.c3± *(11.Bd3 Nxd4 12.Bxh7+ Kh8 13.Ng5 Qe8 14.Qxd4 Nc6 15.Qe3 b6 16.Qe2 Bc5 17.f4 Nd4 18.Qd3 a5 19.Bg8 Rf5 20.Bf7 Qf8 21.Qd1 g6 22.h5 Qh6 23.g4 Rxg5 24.fxg5 Qh7 25.Rf1 gxh5* 1-0 Lion,A-Verrijken,G Antwerp 1997);
C) 10.c3, for example, 10...0-0 11.h4 *(11.Bd3±)* 11...Nxd4 12.cxd4 *(or 12.Qxd4 Nc6 13.Qe3±)*
C1) 12...c5 13.Bd3! Qe8 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.hxg5 g6 16.Rh6! Nc6 17.Qg4! Strongly threatening Qg4-h4. Nxd4 1.65/23 *(17...Ne7± 1.21/20)* 18.Qh4!+-;
C2) 12...c5± 1.14/22 13.Bd3 h6;
C3) 12...Nc6 1.62/21 13.Bd3 Qe8 14.a3!? *(14.h5!)* 14...Rxf3 15.gxf3 Nxd4 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Qxd4 Qh5 18.Rg1+- Piesina,G (2390)-Muratov,V (2215) Blagoveshchensk 1988]
9.0-0 Nb6N White is clearly better.
[Black is falling too far behind in development after 9...a6 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Na5!? Nb6 12.Ng5 Bd7 13.c4 *(13.Be3!?)* 13...Nxc4 2.42/22 *(13...Qc5* 1.79/20 was necessary.*)* 14.Nxc4+- dxc4 15.Qf3+-]
[9...Nd8 10.Nbd4 h6 11.Bd3 Qf7 12.c3 g5 13.Re1 a6 14.Re3 c5 15.Ne2 Nc6 16.Nxg5 hxg5 17.Rf3 Qg7 18.Rg3 Ndxe5 19.Rxg5 Qf6 20.Ng3 Bh6 21.Nh5 Qf7 22.Be2 Bxg5 23.Bxg5 Kd7 24.Nf6+ 0-1 Wolff,D-Mueller,T CCLA ch-1 corr8586 1985]
10.Bg5 1.18/26
[Or 10.a4 a5 2.06/23 *(10...a6± 1.59/19)* 11.Be3]
[10.a4+- 1.74/23]
10...Qd7 2.10/20

[10...Qf7± 1.18/26]
11.Nfd4+- a6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 Black is weak on the dark squares
13.Qh5+?! 0.53/25
[13.f4! f4-f5 would now be deadly. c5 14.Nxe6! Qxe6 15.f5 Against Qe6-g6 Qg8 16.e6!+-]
[13.f4!+- 1.99/22]
13...g6 1.27/22
[13...Qf7 14.Qxf7+ Kxf7 15.Nxc6 Bd7±]
[13...Qf7± 0.53/25 14.Qxf7+ Kxf7]
14.Qh4 0.86/22 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
[⌓14.Qh3 1.27/22]
14...c5± 15.Bf6 Rg8 16.Nf3 0.36/23
[16.Nc6!±]
[White should try 16.Nc6!± 1.04/22]
16...c4 1.49/22
[16...h6± 0.36/23]
17.Nbd2↑ Keeping Black busy. **17...c5** 1.88/23
[17...h6± 1.33/21]
18.Rad1+- h6



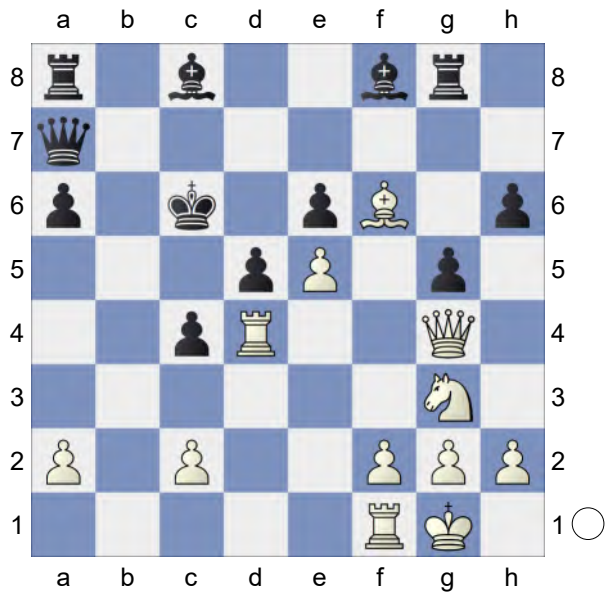
19.Ne4 Every White piece is better-placed than Black's, including the king. Pin **19...g5**
[19...Qf7 20.Nd6+]
20.Qg4 0.85/19
[20.Bxg5! hxg5? 4.47/22 *(20...Qg7* 2.42/21 *)* 21.Nf6++- Kd8 22.Nxg5 Qg7 23.Nxg8+-]
[20.Bxg5!+- 2.82/20 Qg7 21.Qh5+ *(21.Nf6+ Kf7+-)* 21...Qg6 22.Qxg6+ Remove Defender Rxg6 23.Nf6+ Kf7 24.Bd2]
20...Qf7± 21.Ng3
[21.b3 simplifies Bb7 22.Ng3 Bc6 23.bxc4 Nxc4 24.Nd2]
21...Kd7 22.b3 Kc6? 1.65/21
[22...cxb3 23.axb3 Kc7 24.c4±]
[22...cxb3± 0.78/24 23.axb3 a5]
23.bxc4!+- Nxc4



24.Nd2! h5? 3.08/19 This costs Black the game.
[24...Nxd2 25.Rxd2 c4 26.Rd4! Black must now prevent Rd4xc4+! Qa7 2.36/19 *(26...Qb7±* 1.56/20 *)*

(Diagram)

27.Rxc4+!+- dxc4 28.Qe4+ Kc7 Threatens to win with ...Bf8-a3. 29.Qh7+]
[24...Nxd2± 1.46/22 was called for. 25.Rxd2 Rb8]



25.Nxh5 Nxd2 26.Rxd2 c4 27.Rb1 Bc5 28.c3 1.84/17

[28.Bxg5+-]

[⌓28.Bxg5 3.24/23 Hoping for Nh5-f6. Rh8 29.Nf6]

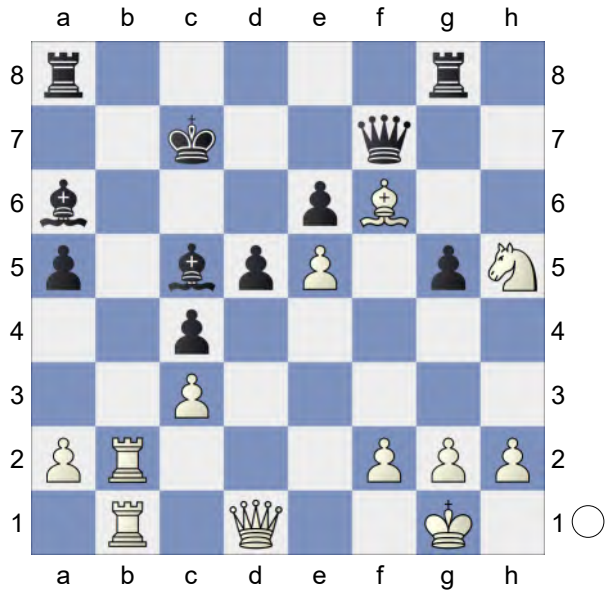
28...a5 29.Rdb2

[29.Bxg5 Qg6 30.Re1 Qxg5 31.Qxg5 Rxg5-+]

29...Ba6? 5.97/21

[29...Qh7 1.95/21 is more resistant. 30.Ng3 *(30.Bxg5 Rh8=)* 30...Kc7]

30.Qd1 Kc7



31.Qa4! Bc8

[31...Bb4 32.cxb4]

32.Qb5 Ba3 33.Qb6+ Kd7 34.Ng3 4.76/21

[34.Rb5! Qxh5 35.Rxd5+]

[⌓34.Rb5 11.76/23 Rb5-c5! would kill now. Be7 35.Bxe7 *(35.Rxa5 Rxa5 36.Qxa5 Ke8+-)* 35...Qxh5 36.Bd6 *(36.Rxa5 Rxa5 37.Bd6 Ke8+-)*]

34...Ra6 35.Qb5+ Kc7 36.Qb8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.83

1-0

C04

□ **Woelwer,Peter** **2774**

■ **Ferrer Sanchez,Pedro Jesus** **2756**

Magyarorszag 69/100 (1.34) 08.11.2021

[Kitty Kat]

C04: French Tarrasch: 3...Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.Nb3 f6 7.Bb5 fxe5 8.dxe5 Qe7**

[8...Be7 9.Nbd4 Ndb8 10.h4 0-0 11.Bd3 Nxd4 12.Bxh7+ Kh8 13.Ng5 Qe8 14.Qxd4 Nc6 15.Qe3 b6 16.Qe2 Bc5 17.f4 Nd4 18.Qd3 a5 19.Bg8 Rf5 20.Bf7 Qf8 21.Qd1 g6 22.h5 Qh6 23.g4 1-0 Lion,A-Verrijken,G Antwerp 1997]

9.0-0 Nb6N 1.87/21

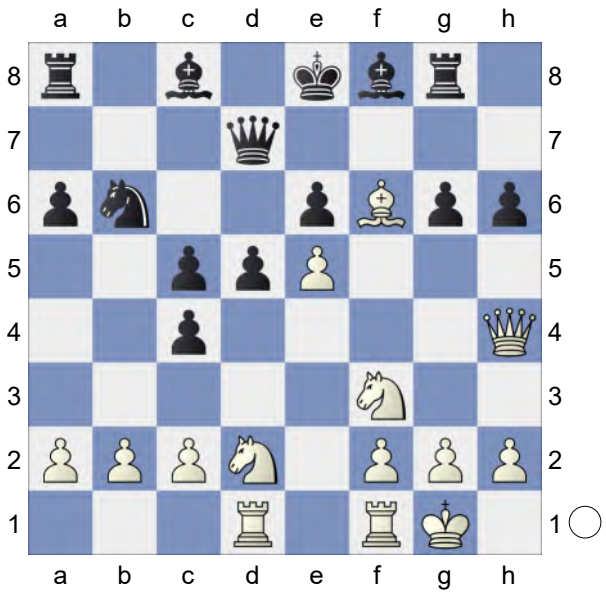
[9...a6± 1.26/21 is a better defense.]

[9...Nd8 10.Nbd4 h6 11.Bd3 Qf7 12.c3 g5 13.Re1 a6 14.Re3 c5 15.Ne2 Nc6 16.Nxg5 hxg5 17.Rf3 Qg7 18.Rg3 Ndxe5 19.Rxg5 Qf6 20.Ng3 Bh6 21.Nh5 Qf7 22.Be2 Bxg5 23.Bxg5 Kd7 24.Nf6+ 0-1 Wolff,D-Mueller,T CCLA ch-1 corr8586 1985]

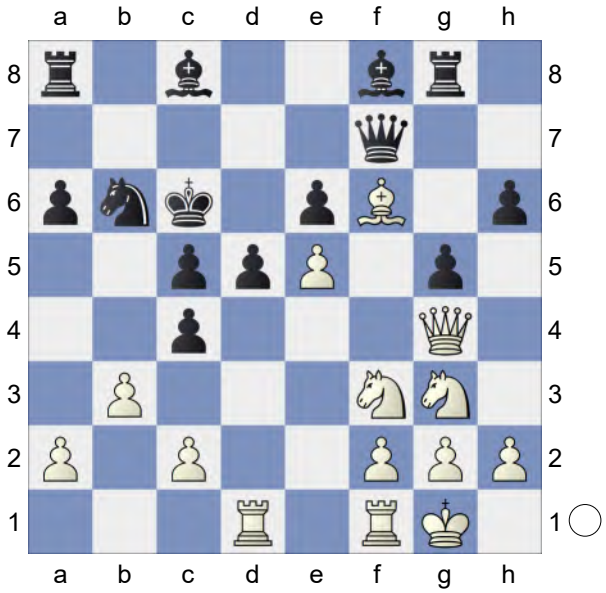
10.Bg5 1.12/25

[10.Be3+- 1.87/21]

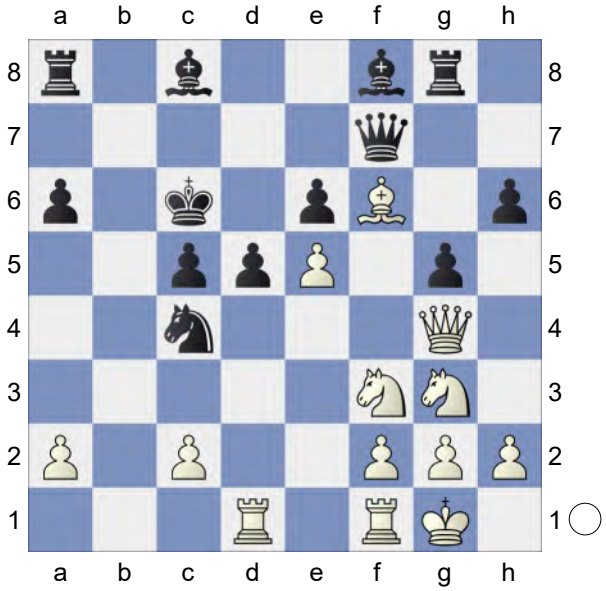
10...Qd7 2.06/19
[10...Qf7± 1.12/25]
11.Nfd4+- a6 12.Bxc6 bxc6
Black is weak on the dark squares
13.Qh5+ 0.66/25
[13.f4!± 1.57/22 aiming for f4-f5. g6 14.Na5 *(14.Bf6 Rg8±)*]
13...g6 1.30/22
[Black should try 13...Qf7± 0.66/25 14.Qxf7+ Kxf7]
14.Qh4 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **14...c5**
15.Bf6 Rg8 16.Nf3 0.31/22
[16.Nc6± 0.74/21]
16...c4 1.29/20
[16...h6± 0.31/22]
17.Nbd2± c5 2.10/23
[17...h6± 1.34/21]
18.Rad1+- h6



19.Ne4 g5
[19...Qf7 20.Nd6+]
20.Qg4 1.06/19
[20.Bxg5!+- 2.54/20 Qg7 21.Nf6+ Kf7 22.Qh5+ *(22.Nxg8 hxg5 23.Qh5+ Kxg8±)* 22...Qg6 23.Qxg6+ Rxg6 24.Bd2]
20...Qf7± 21.Ng3↑ 0.66/23 White has the initiative.
[21.b3± 1.02/22]
21...Kd7 22.b3 Kc6 1.12/20
[⌓22...cxb3 0.72/21 23.axb3 Kc7]



23.bxc4! Nxc4



24.Nd2! h5? 3.25/19 Black cannot hold the game after this. **25.Nxh5+- Nxd2 26.Rxd2 c4 27.Rb1 Bc5** 3.43/22
[⌓27...Qg6 2.38/21 28.Ng3 Bc5]
28.c3 1.74/23
[⌓28.Bxg5 3.43/22 Nh5-f6 would now be deadly. Rh8 29.Nf6]
28...a5 2.11/23

[⌓28...Qg6 1.74/23 29.Rdb2 Bd7]

29.Rdb2

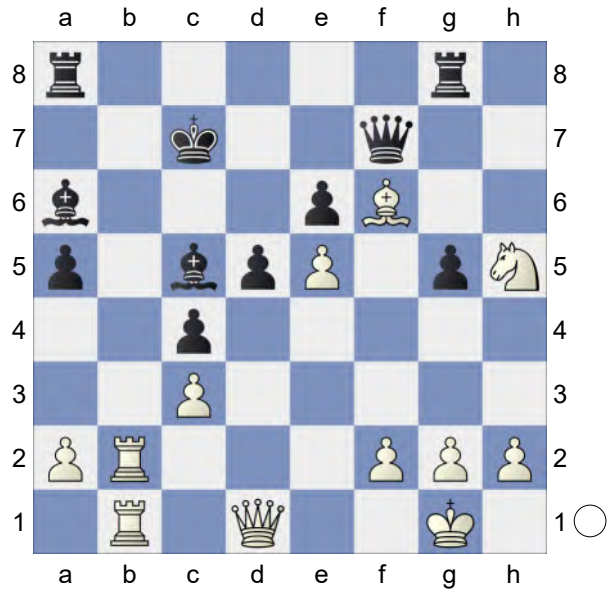
[29.Bxg5? too greedy. Qg6 30.Re1 Qxg5 31.Qxg5 Rxg5-+]

29...Ba6? 5.86/20

[29...Qh7 2.15/20 30.Ng3 *(30.Bxg5 Rh8=)* 30...Kc7]

30.Qd1 Qd1-a4+ is the strong threat.

30...Kc7



31.Qa4! Bc8

[31...Bb4 32.cxb4]

32.Qb5 Ba3 33.Qb6+ Kd7 34.Ng3 Ra6 35.Qb5+ Kc7 36.Qb8+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.78

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C07

□ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2646**

■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2651**

Speed Chess Q1 blitz (5) 10.11.2022

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Ngf3 Qxc5 7.Bd3 Qc7 8.Qe2!?** White has an edge. Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

8...Nbd7 9.Nb3

[9.c3 Be7 10.0-0 b6 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.Bh4 Qf4 14.Bg5 Qc7 15.Rad1 Rfd8 16.Rfe1 Rac8 17.Bh4 Qf4 18.Bg3 Qg4 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Ba6 Bxa6 21.Qxa6 Nc5 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Qxa7 Nd3 1-0 Jones,G (2640)-Adhiban,B (2655) 80th Tata Steel GpA 2018 (3.3)]

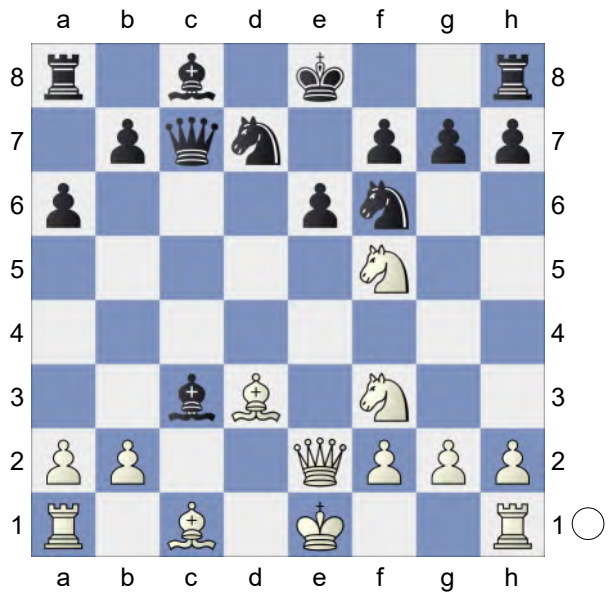
9...Bd6N

[Vorgänger: 9...Be7 10.Bg5 *(10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 b6 12.c3 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Nc5 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Bg5 Rad8 17.Rad1 Qc6 18.a3 Ba8 19.Bb1 h6 20.Bh4 Qa4 21.Nd4 Bd5 22.Bc2 Qd7 23.c4 Ba8 24.Nf5 Qb7* 0-1 Bellini,F (2484)-Efimov,I (2520) Reggio Emilia 0001 43th 2000 (2) *25.Nxe7+ Qxe7 26.b4 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Rd8 28.Rxd8+ Qxd8 29.Qd3 Qxd3 30.Bxd3 Be4 31.Be2 Nd7 32.Be7 f6 33.c5 Kf7 34.Bd6 bxc5 35.bxc5 Bc6 36.f3 f5 37.Bd3 Kf6 38.Kf2 g5 39.g3 e5* ½-½ Bellincampi,S (1969)-Narr,K (2054) Forni di Sopra op 14th 2023 (4) *)* 10...0-0 11.0-0-0 a6 12.Kb1 b5 13.h4 Bb7 14.h5 -0.84/19 *(14.g4∓* -0.48/22 *)* 14...h6∓ Hoping for ... Bb7xf3! 15.Bh4 -1.10/21 *(15.Bd2∓* -0.63/18 was preferrable.*)* 15...Rfe8 -0.48/20 0-1 (41) Salgado Lopez,I (2624)-Nisipeanu,L (2674) Germany 2019 *(15...Bd6∓* -1.10/21 *16.g3 Nxh5)*]

10.Nbd4 a6 Prevents Nd4-b5. Threatens to win with ...0-0. **11.Nf5! Bb4+** 1.15/22

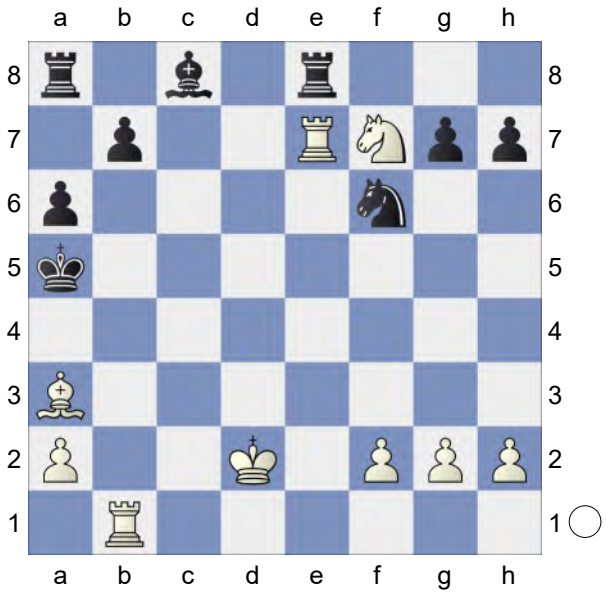
[11...0-0= 0.20/20 keeps the balance. 12.Nxd6 Qxd6]

12.c3!± Bxc3+



13.bxc3 0.32/20
[White must play 13.Kf1!+- 1.61/24 Kf8 14.bxc3 exf5 15.Ba3+ Kg8 16.Qe7]
13...Qxc3+± 14.Qd2 0.06/21
[14.Nd2!± 0.55/25 is more appropriate. Nc5 *(14...Qxa1 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.0-0=)* 15.Nxg7+ *(15.Nd6+ Kf8=)* 15...Kf8 16.Bc4 *(16.0-0 Nxd3 17.Nh5 Nxh5=)* 16...Qxa1 17.0-0]
14...Qxd2+=
[14...Qxa1? 15.Nd6+ *(15.Nxg7+ Kd8+-)* 15...Kd8 16.0-0+- *(16.Nxf7+ Ke8+-)*]
15.Kxd2 exf5 16.Re1+ Ne4+? 2.67/20
17.Bxe4+- fxe4 18.Rxe4+ Kd8 19.Ng5 White has strong compensation.
19...Kc7 20.Ba3? 0.76/20
[20.Nxf7?! Rg8 21.Ke1 b6]
[20.Re7+- 2.38/23 has better winning chances.]
20...Nf6± Black is weak on the dark squares
[20...Rd8? 21.Re7+- *(21.Nxf7 Nc5+ 22.Nxd8 Nxe4+ 23.Ke3 Kxd8=)*]
21.Re7+ Kb6 22.Rb1+ Ka5? 4.22/20
[22...Kc6± 0.96/21 is tougher.]

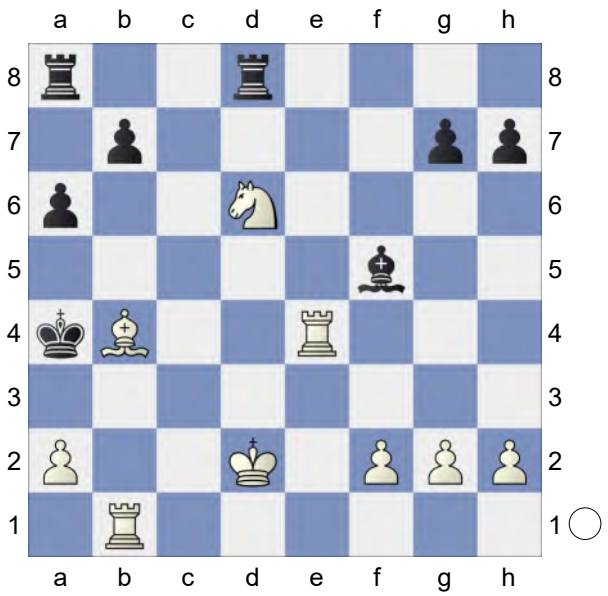
23.Nxf7+- Re8



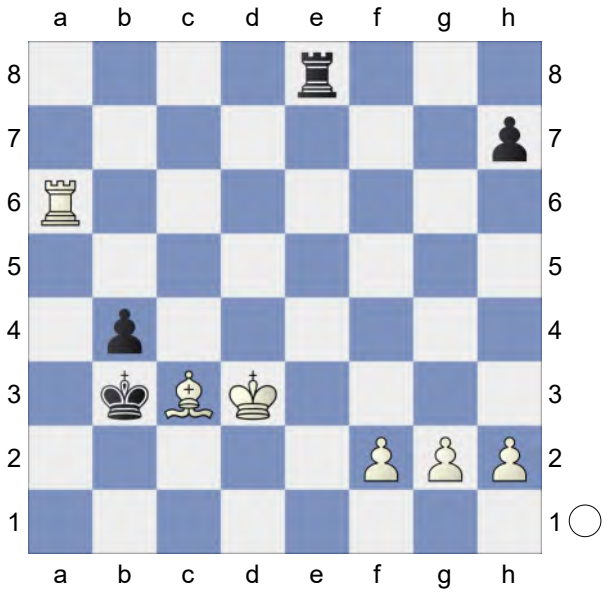
24.Nd6! Threatening mate with Nd6-c4+. Discovered Attack, Double Attack
24...Rd8
[24...b5 25.Nxe8]
25.Bb4+→ 2.27/14 White has strong attack.
[25.Rxg7? Ne4+ 26.Ke1 Nxd6-+]
[⌓25.Re3 4.97/21 White threatens Kd2-e1 and mate. b5 26.Bc5 Rxd6+ 27.Kc1 *(27.Bxd6 Nd5+-)*]
25...Ka4? 5.19/24
[25...Kb6 2.27/14 keeps fighting. 26.Ke1 *(26.Rxg7 Ne8±)* 26...Bd7 27.Ba3+ *(27.Rxg7 Rg8+-)* 27...Kc6 28.Rc1+ *(28.Nxb7 Re8+-; 28.Rxg7 Ne8+-; 28.Rxb7 Rab8±)* 28...Kb6 29.Nc4+ *(29.Rxg7 a5+-)* 29...Ka7 30.Bc5+ *(30.Rxg7 Rac8±)* 30...Kb8]
26.Re3
[26.Rxg7? too greedy. Ne4+ 27.Ke2 Nxd6-+ *(27...Rxd6 28.Bxd6 Nc3+ 29.Ke3∓)*]
26...Ne4+ 27.Rxe4 Bf5

(Diagram)

28.Ke3 Intending Bb4-c3+ and mate.



28...Bxe4 29.Nxe4 Re8 30.Bc3 b5 31.Bxg7 Ka3 32.Kd3 White wants to mate with Ne4-c3. **32...Rac8** 7.18/19
[⌓32...b4 4.08/20 33.Rb3+ Kxa2 34.Rxb4 Rec8]
33.Nc3 Rxc3+ 34.Bxc3 Kxa2 Endgame. KRB-KR **35.Ra1+ Kb3 36.Rxa6 b4**



37.Bxb4! Kxb4 KR-KR **38.Ra7 h5 39.Rh7 Rg8 40.g3**
[40.Rxh5 Rxg2 41.Ke2 Rg6+-]
40...Rg5 41.f4 Ra5 42.Ke4 Kc4 43.f5 Ra1 44.f6 Re1+ 45.Kf5 Kd5 46.Kg6 Rf1 47.Re7 h4 48.f7 Re7-e8 is the strong threat. **48...hxg3 49.hxg3** White mates. **49...Kd6 50.Re8 Rf3 51.f8Q+ Rxf8 52.Rxf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.55
1-0

C08

□ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2603**
■ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2667**
Sharjah Masters 6th (3) 19.05.2023
[Oparin,Grigoriy, Kitty Kat]

C08: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 sidelines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2** Quite a timid approach against the 2...e6 Sicilian, but not completely unexpected by me. Ein recht zaghafter Ansatz gegen den 2...e6-Sizilianer, aber für mich nicht völlig unerwartet. **3...c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Bb5+ Nc6** This is considered to be the most solid response against 5.Qe2. Dies gilt als die solideste Antwort auf 5.De2. **6.Qe2+ Be7 7.dxc5 Nf6** Perhaps, this is a slight inaccuracy, which gives White chances to fight for an advantage. Vielleicht ist dies eine kleine Ungenauigkeit, die Weiß die Chance gibt, um Vorteil zu kämpfen. **8.Nb3 0-0** transposes to the game. führt zur Partie.
9.Be3 a6 10.Ba4 Ne4 Typical prophylactic move, aimed against both Bg5 and Ng5. Typischer prophylaktischer Zug, der sowohl gegen Lg5 als auch gegen Sg5 gerichtet ist.
[10...Ne5 11.0-0-0 Bd7 12.Bxd7 Qxd7 13.Nf3 Nc4 14.Bd4 Ne4 15.Bxg7 Rfe8 16.Bd4 Nc3 17.Qd3 Nxd1 18.Rxd1 Qg4 19.h3 Qg6 20.Bc3 Bf8 21.Qxd5 Bh6+ 22.Kb1 Qe4 23.Qh5 Qg6 24.Qh4 Re2

25.Nbd4 1-0 Barua,D (2510)-Topalov,V (2650) Interzonal-16 1993 (2) Re4 26.g4 Bf8 27.Nf5 Rae8 28.a4 Bxc5 29.Rd7 Bf8 30.Rxb7 h6 31.Ng3 Rf4 32.Nd4 Rxd4 33.Nh5 Nd2+ 34.Bxd2 Rxd2 35.Nf6+ Kh8 36.Nxe8 Qxc2+ 0-1 6.Be3 Qb6 7.Nc3 Qb2 8 (2495)-Margarido,J (2590) Yerevan 1988]

11.0-0-0 Nb4 0.69/22

[11...Re8!= 0.18/23]

12.Kb1!± White is slightly better.

12...Bf5 13.Rc1N 0.38/24 Somehow, only this move is a novelty. Irgendwie ist erst dieser Zug ein Novum.

[13.g4 Bg6 14.Rc1 0.25/22 *(14.f4!± 1.02/24 b5 15.cxb6 Nxc2 16.f5)* 14...b5∞ with a complete mess. mit einem völligen Durcheinander. During the game, I also seriously considered Während der Partie erwog ich auch ernsthaft 15.cxb6!? Rc8! 16.Nd4? -2.59/20 *(16.f4!⇄; 16.f4!± 0.35/24* was forced to keep a grip. *Nxc2 17.f5 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Rxc1+ 19.Qxc1)* 16...Nc5-+ has been played in a Titled Tuesday game, Kobalia,M (2577)-Warchol,K (2163) Chess.com INT 2023, wurde in einer Titled-Tuesday-Partie gespielt, Kobalia,M (2577)-Warchol,K (2163) Chess.com INT 2023, where Black could get a great play after wo Schwarz großartiges Spiel bekommen konnte nach 17.b7 Rc7]

[13.g4± 0.79/23 Bg6 14.Rc1]

[13.f3 Nf6 14.Rd2 Rc8 15.Nd4 Bg6 16.a3 Qa5 17.Bb3 Nc6 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.h4 Bxc5 20.Bxc5 Qxc5 21.Nh3 Rfe8 22.Qd1 Qe3 23.Ka1 Nd7 24.g4 h6 25.Rg2 Nc5 26.h5 Nxb3+ 27.cxb3 Bd3 ½-½ Sax,G-Portisch,F Hoogovens-B Wijk aan Zee 1973 (7)]

13...Rc8±

[13...b5 14.cxb6 Rc8! 15.Nd4]

14.g4 This came as a bit of a surprise to me. It turned out that Mendonca was trying to prepare the f4-push, but the problem is that, in general, the rook is not placed all that well on e1 after the position opens up. Das kam für mich ein wenig überraschend. Es stellte sich heraus, dass Mendonca versuchte, den f4-Vorstoß vorzubereiten, aber das Problem ist, dass der Turm im Allgemeinen nicht so gut auf e1 platziert ist, nachdem sich die Stellung geöffnet hat.

[14.g4!? Bg6 15.f4∓]

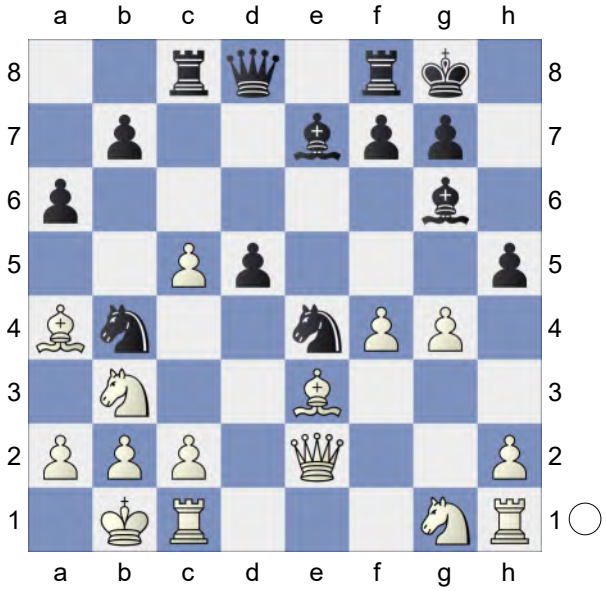
14...Bg6 15.f4!

[Taking the pawn on c4 is suicidal: Den Bauern auf c4 zu schlagen ist selbstmörderisch: 15.a3?! -2.54/24 15.f2-f4 0.25 b5 16.Bxb5 *(16.axb4* , followed by Ne7-Ng6, was at least as good as the move I chose. gefolgt von Se7-Sg6, war mindestens genauso gut wie der von mir gewählte Zug. White had many ways to maintain equality, such as White hatte viele Möglichkeiten, das Gleichgewicht zu halten, zum Beispiel *bxa4 17.Nd4 a3!)* After Nach 16...Nxc2!-+ White's center collapses. bricht das Zentrum von Weiß zusammen. 17.Rxc2 axb5 is also very good for Black. ist auch sehr gut für Schwarz.]

15...h5 0.76/24

[15...Nxc2-+ 2.54/23 15...b7-b5 0.42 and White is completely paralyzed. und Weiß ist völlig gelähmt. It was necessary to take away the g5-square with Es war notwendig, das g5-Feld zu konrollieren mit 16.Rxc2 f4-f5 would now be deadly. After Nach b5 3.52/24 *(16...Nxc5* 2.47/22

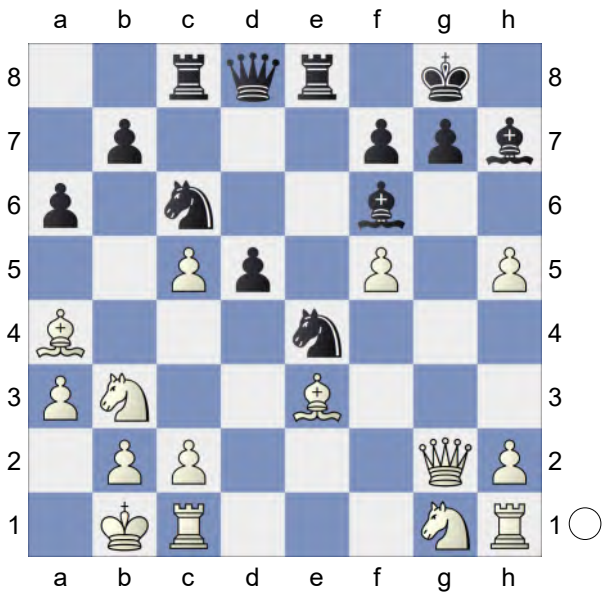
keeps fighting. *17.Nxc5 Bxc2+ 18.Bxc2 Bxc5)* 17.Bxb5+- axb5 18.f5]
[15...b5 16.cxb6 Nxc2 17.Rxc2 *(* I had a strong sequence in mind: hatte ich eine starke Sequenz im Kopf: *17.f5 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Rxc1+* and now und jetzt gibt *19.Nxc1! Bxf5 20.gxf5→* gives Black a huge initiative. Schwarz eine große Initiative.
Probably, from an objective point of view, the best response is Objektiv betrachtet, ist die beste Antwort wahrscheinlich *Bc5* , but it's not an obvious and very difficult decision to make. aber es ist keine offensichtliche und sehr schwierige Entscheidung, die zu treffen ist. *21.Qe1* doesn't achieve anything, as White can just consolidate with bringt nichts, denn Weiß kann sich einfach konsolidieren mit *Nf2)* 17...Rxc2 Black has a clear extra pawn, but with an important hat Schwarz einen klaren Mehrbauern, aber mit dem wichtigen 18.Qxc2!∓ White keeps good drawing chances. behält Weiß gute Remischancen. After Nach Nc3+ 19.bxc3 Bxc2+ 20.Kxc2 Qc8 21.Nd2 *(21.Nd4!* , getting crucial counterplay along the white squares. erhält kritisches Gegenspiel auf den weißen Feldern. *Qxg4!* was much more precise. war viel präziser. For example, Zum Beispiel, *22.Nge2 Qg6+ 23.Kd2 Qxb6; 21.Nf3 Qc4=* and White survives. und Weiß überlebt. One of the better ways was Eine der besseren Möglichkeiten war *22.Bd7!?* After Nach *Qe4+)* 21...Qe6 *(21...Qe6!? 22.Bd4□ Bf6±)* 22.Bd4∓ Black is better, but the position remains double-edged. Schwarz steht besser, aber die Stellung bleibt zweischneidig. Bf6]
[15...Nxc5? 16.Bxc5 Bxc5 17.Nxc5+-]
[15...b5!= 0.26/20 remains equal. 16.cxb6 Rxc2 17.Rxc2 Ng3 18.hxg3 Bxc2+ 19.Kc1 *(19.Ka1 Bd3=)* 19...Qc8]



16.a3?! -0.44/26 Black must now prevent f4-f5! Sticking to the initial plan appears to be a serious mistake. Das Festhalten an dem ursprünglichen Plan scheint ein schwerer Fehler zu sein.
[16.f5 Bh7 17.a3 *(17.h3 Ng3)* 17...Nc6 18.gxh5 Re8 19.Qg2 Bf6

(Diagram)

20.Ne2 0.62/19 Wards off Ne4-c3+ *(20.Re1!± 1.02/24)* 20...Nd6± 21.cxd6 Rxe3 Or Oder 22.Nf4! Qxd6 23.Nxd5]
[16.f5!± 0.76/24 Bh7 17.Bd2 *(17.gxh5 Bxf5 18.a3 Nxc2=)*]
16...Nxc2 17.f5? -3.50/20 Now White is beyond hope.
[17.Rxc2 Hoping for f4-f5. b5!]



[17.Qxc2? Nc3+ *(17...hxg4? 18.Ka2-+)* 18.bxc3 Bxc2+ 19.Kxc2 b5 *(19...hxg4? 20.h3-+)* 20.cxb6 Rc4-+ *(20...Bxa3? 21.Nf3-+; 20...hxg4? 21.h3-+)*]

[White has to play 17.Rxc2∓ -0.56/21 b5 18.Bxb5 *(18.cxb6? Rxc2 19.Qxc2 Nd2+ 20.Nxd2 Bxc2+ 21.Bxc2 d4-+)* 18...axb5 19.f5]

17...Nxe3-+

[17...Nxc5? 18.Bxc5 *(18.Qxc2 Nxa4 19.Qxc8 Qxc8+-; 18.fxg6 Nxa3+ 19.Ka2 Nxa4∓)* 18...Bxc5 19.Qxc2+- *(19.fxg6 Nxa3+ 20.bxa3 Bxa3+-)*]

18.fxg6

[18.Qxe3 Bg5]

18...b5

[18...Bxc5 19.Nxc5 Rxc5 *(19...Nxc5 20.Rxc5 Rxc5 21.Qxe3±)* 20.Qxe3±]

[18...Nxg4 19.gxf7+ Rxf7 20.Nf3-+]

19.cxb6 Rxc1+ Black is clearly winning.

[19...Qxb6 20.gxf7+ Kxf7 21.Nf3∓]

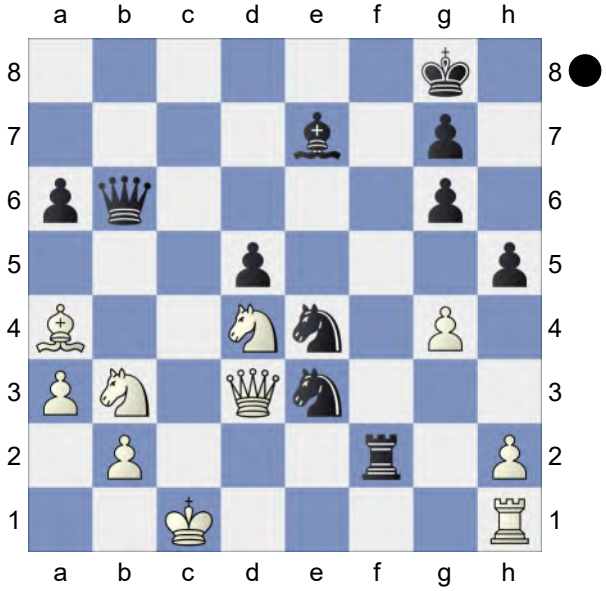
20.Kxc1 fxg6 The knight was not doing much on c6, so it's time to improve its position. Der Springer hatte auf c6 nicht viel zu tun, also ist es an der Zeit, seine Stellung zu verbessern.

[20...Nxg4? 21.gxf7+ Rxf7 22.Qxa6-+]

21.Nf3 My opponent decides to let me exchange the bishop on c1, which is an important defensive piece. But the choice was not easy. Mein Gegner beschließt, mich den Läufer auf c1 tauschen zu lassen, der eine wichtige Verteidigungsfigur ist. Aber die Wahl war nicht einfach.

[21.Qxe3? loses. Bg5 *(21...hxg4 22.Kb1±)* 22.Kb1 Bxe3]

21...Qxb6 22.Nfd4 Rf2 White is weak on the dark squares **23.Qd3**

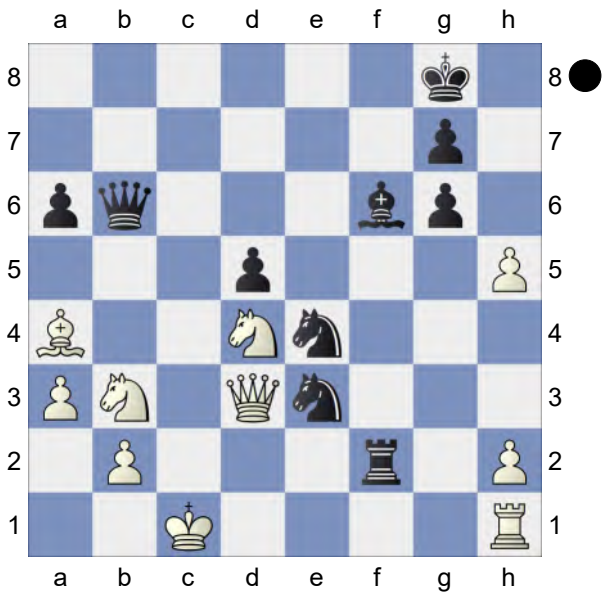


Bf6! Putting pressure on the c3-pawn. Drückt auf den c3-Bauern. **24.gxh5**

[24.Qxe3 Bg5]

(Diagram)

24...gxh5! Logical but lets out the advantage. Logisch, aber der Vorteil wird verschenkt. At this point, Mendonca was already super low on time, and it is hard to expect someone with just a few minutes on the clock to find the best moves in such a complicated position.



Zu diesem Zeitpunkt hatte Mendonca bereits sehr wenig Zeit, und es ist schwer zu erwarten, dass jemand, der nur noch wenige Minuten auf der Uhr hat, die besten Züge in einer so komplizierten Stellung findet. **25.h3**
[25.Qxe3 Bg5]
25...Kh8 26.Re1 Ng2 27.Rxe4 Another inaccuracy. Eine weitere Ungenauigkeit. **27...dxe4 28.Qxe4 Nf4 29.Nf3 Qc7+ 30.Kd1 Rf1+ 31.Kd2?** The last mistake. Der letzte Fehler. **31...Qd6+** Now that the bishop joins the game, it's all over. Jetzt, wo der Läufer ins Spiel kommt, ist alles vorbei.
[31...Nxh3 32.Qe8+ Kh7 33.Qxh5+ Kg8 34.Qe8+ Kh7 35.Qh5+ Kg8 36.Qe8+ Kh7 37.Qh5+=]
32.Nbd4

(Diagram)

Rxf3! Remove Defender, Deflection. Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/ Black=0.39
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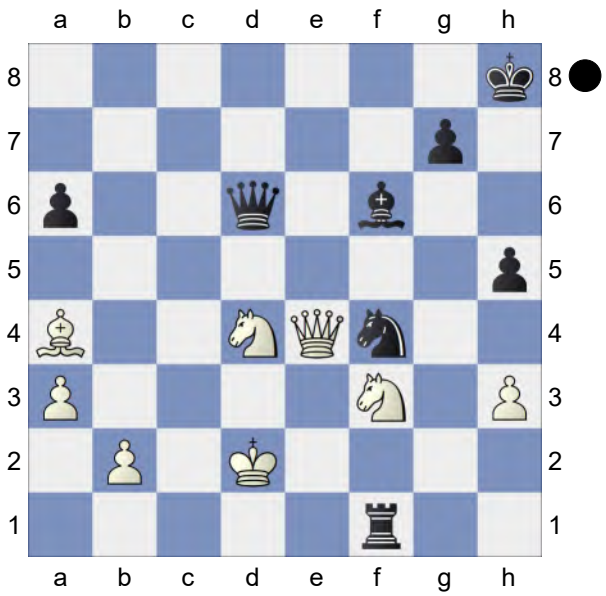


C06
□ **Paravyan,David** **2601**
■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2669**
ChessKid Cup Div 3 L rapid (1.1) 22.5.23
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.c3 Nc6 7.Bd3 f6 8.exf6**
[8.0-0 fxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf6 10.Ndf3 cxd4 11.Qc2 Ne7 12.Ng5 Qb6 13.Ngf7 Rg8 14.cxd4 g6 15.Qa4+ Bd7 16.Bb5 Nc6 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.Ng5 Bd6 19.Nxe6 Kf7 20.Ng5+ Kg7 21.Be3 h6 22.Bxc6 bxc6 1-0 Mollison,J (1914)-Thomas,J (1620) BCF-ch PM U2050 op 2024 (6)]
8...Nxf6 9.0-0 cxd4N
[9...Bd6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.b4 Bd6 12.b5 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Bb2 0-0 15.Nf3 Bd6 16.c4 a6 17.bxa6 bxa6 18.Qc2 h6 19.Qe2 Rb8 20.Rab1 dxc4 21.Bxc4 Nd5 22.g3 Qc7 23.Bb3 Qf7 24.Ne5 1-0 Ehlvest,

J (2610)-Yemelin,V (2475) St Petersburg op_170717 1994 (8) Bxe5 25.Bxe5 Rb7 26.Rbc1 Bd7 27.Bc4 Bb5 28.Rfe1 Qf5 29.Bxb5 axb5 30.Bd4 Re8 31.Rc6 b4 32.Qa6 Rbe7 33.Bc5 Rf7 34.Rcxe6 Rxe6 35.Qxe6 Qxe6 36.Rxe6 Rc7 37.Bd4 Nc3 38.Be5 Ra7 39.Bxc3 ½-½ Shirov,A (2741)-Vallejo Pons,F (2650) ESP-chT Honor Gp1 2008 (1)]

10.cxd4 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Nf1 Qb6 13.Ng3 Ng4!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

[13...Bd7 simplifies 14.Be3 Rac8 15.Qe2 Nb4]

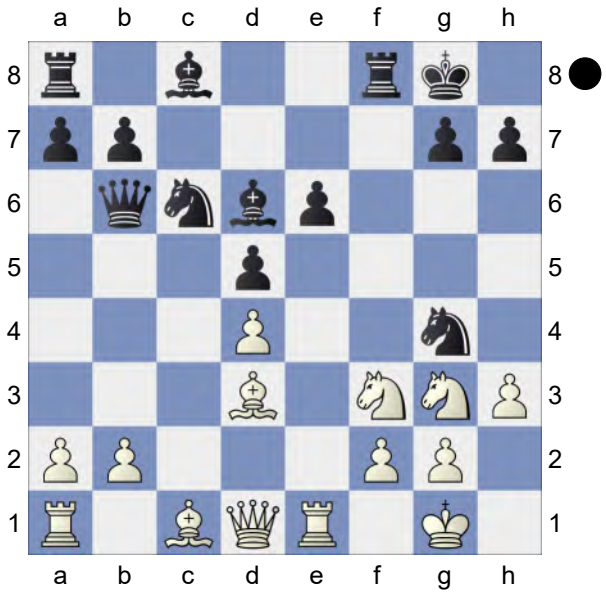
14.h3N -2.38/20

[Vorgänger: 14.Be3 aiming for Bd3xh7+! Nxe3 0.54/22 *(14...g6= 0.12/20)* 15.Rxe3 -0.23/22 *(Better is 15.Bxh7+!± 0.54/22 Kh8 16.fxe3 Bxg3 17.Bg6 Bf2+ 18.Kxf2)* 15...g6 0.19/23 *(15...Bf4* -0.23/22 should be considered. *16.Re1 Qxb2)* 16.Ng5? -2.08/23 *(16.Be2= 0.19/23)* 16...Qxd4 17.Qe2 -2.61/20 *(⌓17.Nxh7* -1.87/19 *Rf7 18.Bxg6 Qxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Rxh7 20.Bxh7+ Kxh7 21.a3)* 17...Ne5 -1.33/18 *(17...Qf4-+* -2.61/20 *18.Nh3 Qh4)* 18.Rd1 -2.02/22 *(18.Re1∓* -1.33/18 *Ng4 19.Rf3)* 18...Qf4-+ 19.Nh3 Qf6 20.Bb1 Bd7 21.Ne4 dxe4 22.Rxd6 0-1 Veljanoski,A (2074)-Mihov,F (2178) FRM-ch op Struga 2021 (8)]

[14.Bxh7+= 0.25/24 and White is okay. Kxh7 15.Ng5+ Kg8 16.Qxg4 Qxd4 17.Qe2]

(Diagram)

14...Nxf2!-+ 15.Kxf2 Nxd4 Black is clearly better. **16.Re3**



[16.Be3 Bxg3+ 17.Kg1 *(17.Kxg3? Qd6+ 18.Kf2 Nxf3-+* Remove Defender*)* 17...Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Qd8-+ *(18...Qxb2? 19.Re2-+)*]

16...e5 White must now prevent ...Bc8-e6. **17.Ke1?** -3.69/17

[17.a4 -2.15/22 was worth a try. e4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 Pin 19.a5 Bg3+ Deflection *(19...Qb3 20.Qxb3+* Remove Defender *Nxb3 21.Bc4+ Kh8 22.Rxb3±)* 20.Kg1 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3]

17...e4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Bc4+ Kh8? -1.74/21

[19...Be6 -4.63/21 20.Bxe6+ *(20.Qxd4? Bg3+ 21.Kd1 Rad8-+* Pin *)* 20...Nxe6]

20.Qxd4 Bg3+

[20...exf3 21.Qxb6 Bg3+ *(21...axb6 22.Rxf3 Bf5 23.Bf4∓)* 22.Kf1 axb6 23.Bd5 fxg2+ 24.Kxg2∓]

21.Kd2? -4.50/20

[21.Ke2 -1.63/21 exf3+ 22.Rxf3]

21...Rd8 Pin

[21...exf3? 22.Qxb6 axb6 23.Rxf3 Rxf3 24.gxf3∓]

22.Bd5 exf3 23.Qd3 -9.86/21

[23.Qxb6 -3.65/21 axb6 *(23...Rxd5+? is the wrong capture. 24.Kc3+-)* 24.Kc3]

23...Bf4 (→ ...Bc8-f5!). Pin. Black is clearly winning. **24.Kc2 Qc5+ 25.Bc4 Bf5** Pin. Black took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=1.61/Black=0.42

[Inferior is 25...Rxd3 26.Re8+ Discovered Attack]

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C06

□ **Vaisman,Volodea** **2601**
■ **Mladenov,Plamen** **2669**
Lasker Memorial op (1.1) 22.05.2023
[Ktty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.c3 Nc6 7.Bd3 f6 8.exf6**

[8.0-0 fxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf6 10.Ndf3 cxd4 11.Qc2 Ne7 12.Ng5 Qb6 13.Ngf7 Rg8 14.cxd4 g6 15.Qa4+ Bd7 16.Bb5 Nc6 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.Ng5 Bd6 19.Nxe6 Kf7 20.Ng5+ Kg7 21.Be3 h6 22.Bxc6 bxc6 1-0 Mollison,J (1914)-Thomas,J (1620) BCF-ch PM U2050 op 2024 (6)]

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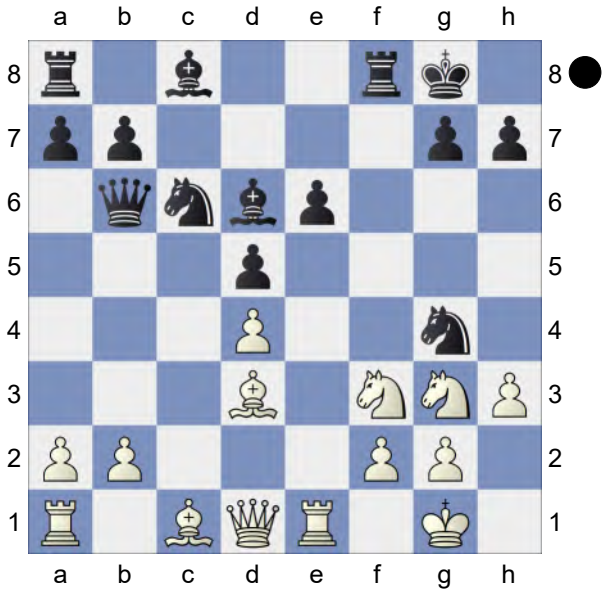
10.cxd4 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Nf1 Qb6 13.Ng3 0.19/24

[13.a3± 0.56/22 deserves consideration.]

13...Ng4 Hoping for ...Bd6xg3! **14.h3?** -2.51/20

[14.Bxh7+= 0.10/21 Kxh7 15.Ng5+ Kg8 16.Qxg4 Qxd4 17.Qxd4 Nxd4 18.Rd1 Bxg3 19.hxg3]



14...Nxf2!-+ **15.Kxf2** Strongly threatening Bc1-e3. **15...Nxd4** Black is clearly better. **16.Re3**

[16.Be3 Bxg3+ 17.Kxg3 Qc7+ 18.Kf2 Nxf3-+]

16...e5 17.Ke1? -3.88/20

[17.a4 -2.31/22 keeps fighting. a5 *(17...e4? 18.Nxe4 dxe4* Pin *19.a5-+)* 18.Kg1 Nxf3+ Pin 19.Kh1 *(19.gxf3? Bc5-+* Pin *)*]

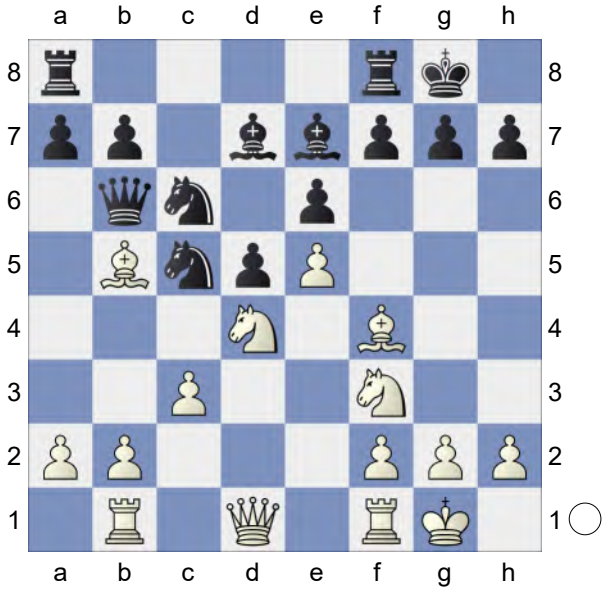
17...e4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Bc4+ -4.91/21

[⌓19.Bxe4 -3.30/17 Bg3+ 20.Kf1]
19...Kh8? -1.54/20
[19...Be6-+ -4.91/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 20.Bxe6+ Remove Defender *(20.Qxd4? Bg3+ 21.Kd1 Rad8-+* Pin) 20...Nxe6]
20.Qxd4∓ Bg3+ 21.Kd2? -4.32/20
[21.Ke2∓ -1.10/20 exf3+ 22.Rxf3]
21...Rd8-+ Pin
[21...exf3 22.Qxb6 axb6 23.Rxf3 Rxf3 24.gxf3∓]
22.Bd5 exf3 23.Qd3 -8.94/17
[23.Qxb6 -3.72/19 axb6 *(23...Rxd5+? perishes. 24.Kc3+-)* 24.Kc3]
23...Bf4 Threatens to win with ...Bc8-f5! Pin. Black is clearly winning. **24.Kc2 Qc5+ 25.Bc4 Bf5** Pin. Weighted Error Value: White=1.87/Black=0.38
[Worse is 25...Rxd3 26.Re8+ Discovered Attack]
0-1

C07

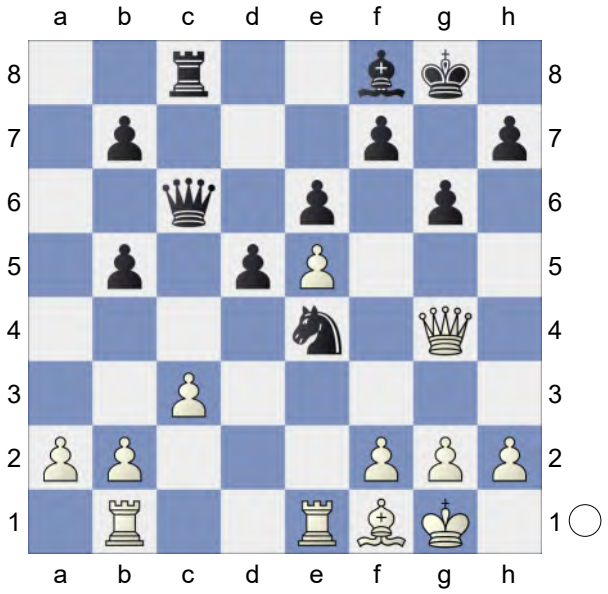
□ **Sanal,Vahap** **2585**
■ **Korobov,Anton** **2667**
FIDE World Cup (3.3) 07.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.N2f3 Nc6 8.Bf4 Be7 9.Bb5!?** now scores much better than the old 9. c3. A promising side line. punktet besser als das ältere 9.c3. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
9...Qb6
[9...Nxd4 10.Nxd4 0-0 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Re1 Bd7 13.Bf1 Ne4 14.c3 Qb6 15.Rb1 f5 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Be3 Qc7 18.Bd3 Nc5 19.Bc2 g6 20.Nf3 Rae8 21.Bd4 b6 22.Ne5 Bc8 23.Qg4 Qg7 24.Qg3 1-0 Alekseenko,K (2650)-Bluebaum,M (2658) Chessable Play In Match D3 rapid 2024 (1.3)]
10.c3 The position is equal. **10...Nc5N**
[Vorgänger: 10...a6 11.Ba4 Nc5 12.Bb3 Bd7 13.0-0 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bb5 15.Re1 Bd3 16.Ba4+ Nxa4 17.Qxa4+ 1-0 Oleksienko,M (2592)-Lomasov,S (2541) ISL-chT Kvika 2223 2022 (5.1)]
11.Rb1N
[11.Qc2 Bd7 12.Be2 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 0-0 14.0-0 Rac8 15.Be3 a5 16.a4 Qc7 17.f4 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Nb5 Qb8 20.Rae1 Kh8 21.Qd1 b6 22.Bd4 Ne4 23.g3 e5 24.fxe5 Bxe5 25.Bg4 Bxb5 0-1 Muzychuk,A (2505)-Lei,T (2548) Norway Chess Armageddon (Women) 12th rapid 2024 (1)]
11...0-0 12.0-0 Bd7



Hoping for ...Nc6xe5! **13.Be2 Rac8 14.Re1 a6 15.Bf1 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bb5** 1.23/23
[16...f6= 0.21/20 remains equal.]
17.Nxb5 axb5 18.Be3 Qc6 19.Qg4 Ne4 2.21/20

[19...Rfe8± 1.23/22]
20.Bh6+- g6 21.Bxf8 Bxf8



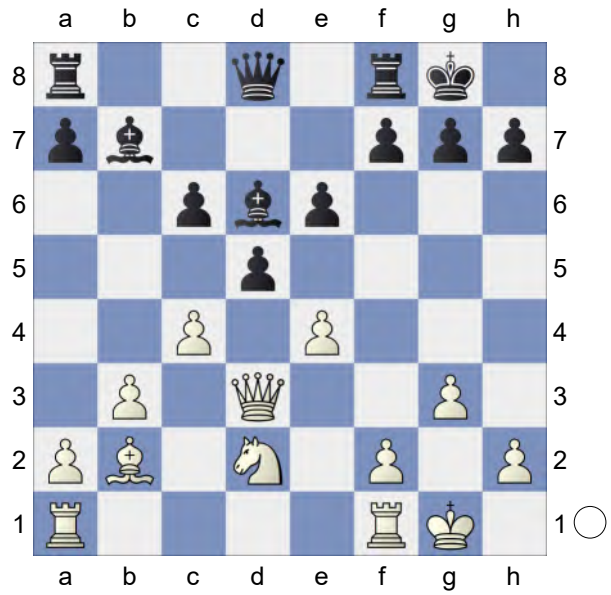
22.Bd3! Nd2 23.Rbd1 Nc4 24.Re2 Qc7 25.Bxc4 bxc4 26.h4 h5 27.Qd4 Kg7 28.g3 Be7 29.Rb1 Qa5 30.b3 b5 31.b4 1.11/26 Repels Be7-c5
[31.Rc2+- 1.67/21]
31...Qa3± 32.Kg2 Ra8 33.Ra1 Qa6 1.74/25
[33...Bd8± 1.08/20]
34.a3 1.29/24
[34.a4+- 1.74/25]
34...Qc6 35.Kh2 Ra4 36.Rea2 f5 1.90/20
[36...Qd7± 1.15/24]
37.f3+- Bd8 2.78/21
[⌓37...g5 1.85/22 38.hxg5 Bxg5]
38.g4 Qb6 4.26/23
[38...Bb6 2.80/24 was necessary. 39.Qf4 Kh7]
39.Qf4 g4xh5 would now be deadly.
39...hxg4 40.fxg4 Ra7 41.gxf5 exf5 42.Rg2 Black must now prevent Ra1-g1!
42...Kf8 43.Qh6+ Rg7 44.h5 Qc7 45.Re1
[45.Rxg6 Qxe5+ 46.Kg1 Qxc3 47.Qxg7+ Qxg7 48.Rxg7 Kxg7±]
45...g5 46.Rf2 f4 47.Qe6 Qf7 48.Qd6+ Be7? 4.98/27
[48...Ke8 2.74/19 49.Kg1 Rh7 50.Qc6+ Kf8]
49.Qb8+ White is clearly winning.
49...Qe8 50.Qxe8+ Kxe8 51.Rd1 Rf7 52.Kh3 Kd7 53.Rxd5+ Ke6 54.Rxb5 f3 55.Kg3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.39
1-0

C07
□ **Quparadze,Giga** **2538**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2834**
Wch Rapid Almaty (9) 27.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qe2 Ne7 10.b3N** -0.21/19
[White should play 10.Nf3± 0.34/20 Ng6 11.e5 Bc7 12.0-0 0-0 13.b3 *(13.Ng5 Qe8 14.f4 f5 15.c4 Bb6+ 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.b3 a5 18.Bd2 a4 19.b4 c5 20.Rab1 Rb8 21.Rfc1 d4 22.a3* ½-½ Galkin,S (2635)-5.f3 c6 6.♕d2 b5 (2726) Alekhine Memorial-02 1971*; 13.Re1 c5 14.c4 Bc6 15.cxd5 Bxd5 16.Be4 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 Qd5 18.Qe2 Rad8 19.Bg5 Rd7 20.Rad1 Qc6 21.h4 h6 22.h5 Ne7 23.Bxe7 Rxe7 24.Nh2 Rd7 25.Rxd7 Qxd7 26.Rd1 Qa4 27.b3 Qh4* 1-0 Svidler,P (2698)-Halynyazow,V (2049) FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz 2024 (6.2) *)* 13...a5 14.Bd2 c5 15.Ng5 Bxe5 16.Qh5 h6 17.Nxf7 Qf6 18.Bg5 Nf4 19.Bxf6 Nxh5 20.Nxh6+ gxh6 21.Bxe5 a4 22.f4 Nf6 23.Rf3 Kf7 24.Bd6 Rfc8 25.Rg3 ½-½ Le Corre,B (2310)-Decker,T (2234) Wasselonne

op 25th 2023 (7)]

10...Ng6= The position is equal. **11.g3** Prevents Ng6-f4. **11...Ne5 12.Bb2 Nxd3+ 13.Qxd3 0-0 14.c4 Bc8 15.0-0 Bb7**



16.c5! Be7 17.Rac1

[17.exd5 with more complications. cxd5 18.Rfc1 a5 19.a3]

17...dxe4 18.Qxd8 Rfxd8 19.Nxe4 Rd5 20.Rfd1 Rad8 21.Rxd5 Rxd5 22.Rc4 -1.66/23

[22.Kf1= -0.29/23 and White has nothing to worry.]

22...f5!-+ ...Bb7-a6! is the strong threat.

23.Nd6 -2.12/26

[23.Nc3∓ -1.48/24 keeps fighting. Rd7 *(23...Rxc5 24.Rb4∓)* 24.h4]

23...Ba6? -0.19/26

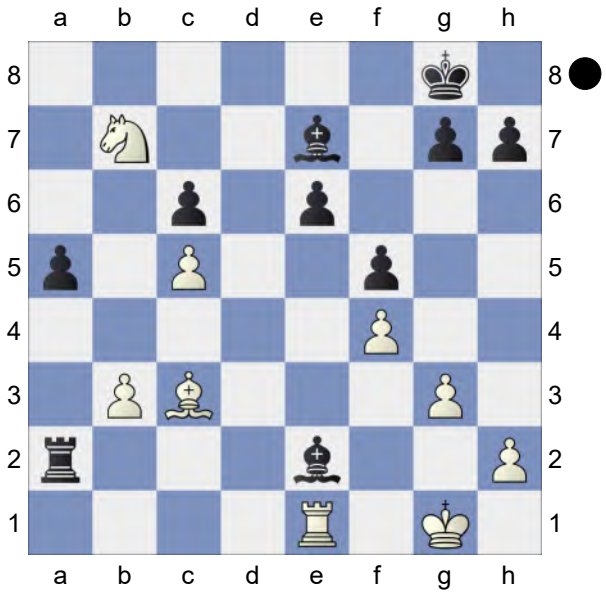
[23...Rd1+-+ -2.12/26 24.Kg2 Bxd6 25.cxd6 c5+ *(25...Rxd6 26.Bc1=)* 26.f3 *(26.Kh3? g5-+)* 26...Rd2+ *(26...Rxd6 27.Bc1∓)* 27.Kg1 Rxb2]

24.Rc1 Rd2 25.Bc3 Rxa2 26.Re1 -1.03/22 Black converts the advantage convincingly.

[26.Ra1!∓ -0.38/24 Rxa1+ 27.Bxa1]

26...Be2∓ 27.f4 a5 28.Nb7 -1.76/21

[28.h4∓ -0.86/24]



28...g5!-+ 29.Ra1 Rc2 30.Bd4 gxf4 31.gxf4 -3.12/23

[31.Nxa5 -1.71/19 was the only chance. Rxc5 *(31...Bxc5? 32.Bxc5 Rxc5 33.gxf4∓)* 32.gxf4]

31...Bf3 32.Nxa5 Rg2+

[32...Bxc5 33.Bxc5 Rxc5 34.Nc4-+]

33.Kf1 aiming for Na5-c4. **33...Rxh2 34.b4 Bd5**

[34...Bh4 35.Nc4 Rh1+ 36.Bg1∓]

35.Ra3 Rh1+ 36.Ke2 Rb1 37.Rg3+ Kf8 38.Bc3 -2.65/19

[⌓38.Nb7 -1.94/21]

(Diagram)

38...e5! 39.fxe5

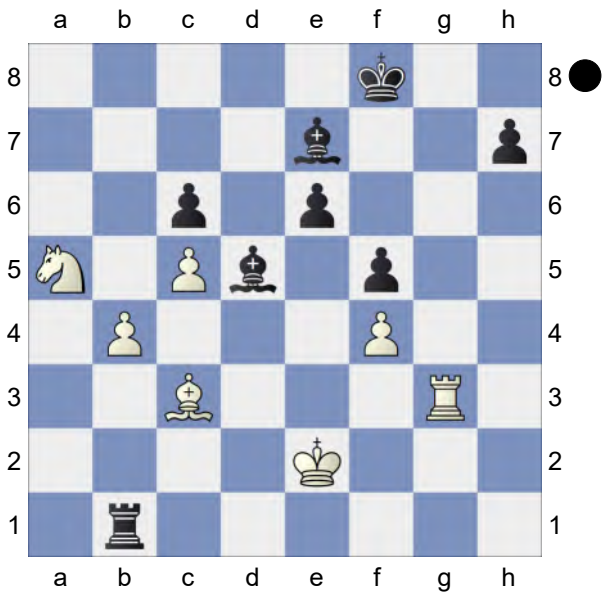
[39.Bxe5 Rxb4]

39...f4 40.Rg4 f3+ 41.Kf2 Rc1 42.Bd4 Rc2+ 43.Ke3 h5 44.Rf4+ Ke8 45.Kd3 Rg2

[Don't take 45...Bg5 46.Rf5 Rd2+ 47.Kc3-+]

46.b5 cxb5 Black is clearly winning.

47.c6 Rg4 48.Rxg4 hxg4 Endgame. KBB-KBN **49.Bf2 Bb4 50.Kd4 Bxa5**



51.Kxd5 KB-KB **51...Bc7** ...b5-b4 would now be deadly. **52.Ke4 b4** Threatens to win with ...b4-b3. **53.Bd4 b3** Hoping for ...f3-f2! **54.Ke3 Ke7** Strongly threatening ...Ke7-f7. **55.Kf2 Ke6 56.Kg3 Kd5**

[Weaker is 56...Bxe5+ 57.Bxe5 Kxe5 58.c7=]

57.Bb2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/Black=0.19 (very precise)

0-1

		C10
□	**Mcshane,Luke J**	**2653**
■	**Meier,Georg**	**2613**
Bundesliga 2223 (10.3)		18.03.2023

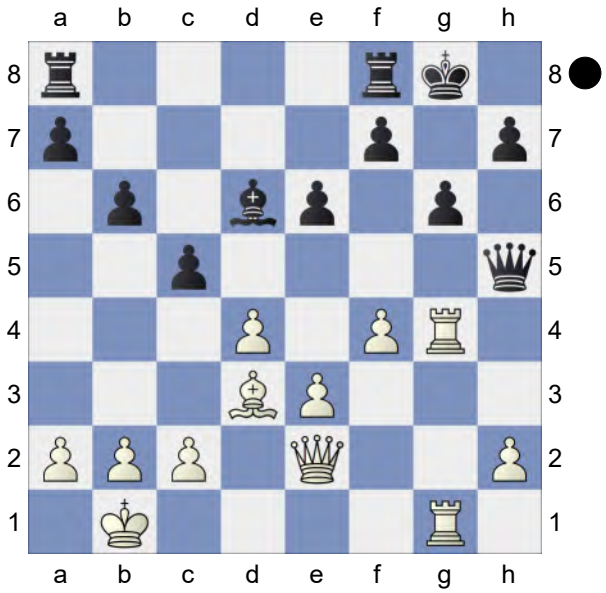
[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Be3 Bd6!** is currently scoring better than 7...Be7. wohl besser als 7...Le7. **8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qe2 b6** White is slightly better. **10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.Rhe1 Nd5 12.Kb1 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qh4**

15.Rg1N

[Predecessor: 15.f4 c5 16.c3 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rac8 18.Rc1 0.00/28 *(18.Rg1± 0.68/22)* 18...Rfd8 19.a3 g6 20.Rg1 Rxc1+ 21.Rxc1 ½-½ (30) Vocaturo,D (2616)-Meier,G (2613) Chennai 2022]

15...c5 16.Rg4 Qh5 17.Rdg1 g6 18.f4



Strongly threatening Rg4xg6+! **18...Kh8**

19.Qf2N 0.30/19

[19.Qg2± 0.84/20 Rad8 20.a3 French Dxe4-N,N]

[19.c3 cxd4 20.cxd4 Rac8 21.Qg2 Rc7 22.Rg3 Rfc8 23.Rh3 Qd5 24.Rxh7+ Kg8 25.Qh3 Kf8 26.Bxg6 Bxf4 27.exf4 Qxd4 28.Qh6+ Ke8 29.Bxf7+ Rxf7 30.Qxe6+ 1-0 Skopec,L (2604)-Moskvichev,V (2614) cor 1980 (2)]

19...Be7= 20.h4 f5 0.71/27

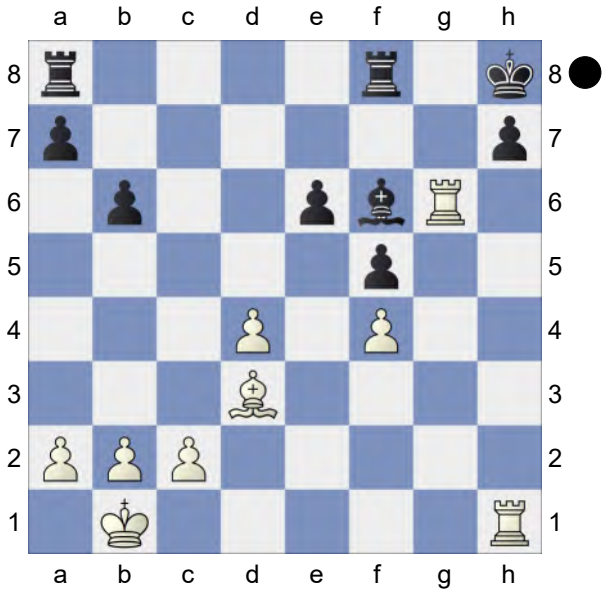
[20...Rad8= 0.15/20 keeps the balance.]

21.R4g2 Rg2-h2 is the strong threat.

[21.Rg5!? Qh6 *(21...Bxg5? too greedy. 22.fxg5 f4 23.exf4+-)* 22.Bc4= *(22.dxc5 Bxg5 23.hxg5 Qg7∓)*]

21...cxd4 22.exd4 Threatens to win with

Rg2-h2. **22...Qxh4 23.Qxh4 Bxh4 24.Rh1 Bf6 25.Rxg6**



Hoping for Rg6-h6. **25...Bxd4 26.Rxe6** Black must now prevent Re6-h6. **26...Rf7** 0.90/23
[26...Rae8± 0.54/24 27.Rxe8 Rxe8]
27.a4 0.51/23 White is more active.
[Better is 27.c3± 0.90/23 Bc5 28.Rh5]
27...Raf8± 28.Rh5 Bf2 29.Re5 Bg3 30.Rexf5
[30.Rhxf5 Rxf5 31.Bxf5 Bxf4]
30...Rxf5 31.Bxf5 Endgame. KRB-KRB **31...Rf7 32.Be6 Re7**
[32...Rxf4? perishes. 33.Rg5 h5 34.Rxg3+-]
33.f5 Be5 34.c3 Kg7 35.Rg5+ 0.10/24
[White should play 35.Kc2± 0.63/21]
35...Kf6= The position is equal. **36.Rg8 Rg7 37.Rh8 Kg5 38.Kc2 h5 39.b4 h4 40.c4 Bf6 41.Rg8 Rxg8 42.Bxg8** KB-KB **42...Be7**
[42...Kxf5 43.c5 h3 44.Bh7+ Ke5 45.cxb6 axb6 46.Kd3]
43.b5 Kxf5 44.Kd3 Bc5 45.Ke2 Kf4 46.Be6 Ke5 47.Bd5 Kd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) / Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

C06
□ **Pichot,Alan** **2630**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2750**
Titled Tuesday intern op 15 Mar Late blit..
[Kitty Kat]

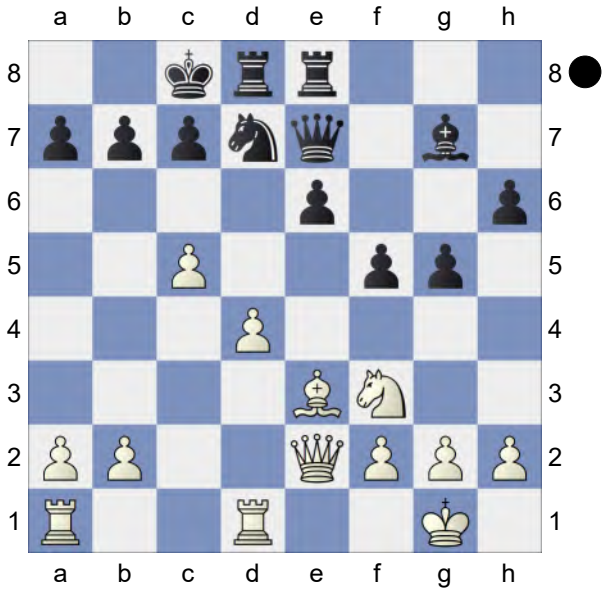
C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Nf3 0-0 12.Bf4 Bxf4 13.Nxf4 Ne4 14.Ne2 Rxf3 15.gxf3 Ng5 16.f4 Nh3+ 17.Kh1** 0.42/19
[17.Kg2± 0.78/24]
17...Qh4± 18.Qd2! And now Qd2-e3 would win. **18...Nxf2+** Excellent horsemanship. **19.Kg2! Nxd3** White is slightly better. **20.Qxd3 Bd7 21.h3 Rf8**
[21...Be8 22.f5 e5 23.dxe5 Nxe5 24.Qd4 Qg5+ 25.Ng3 Nc6 26.Qf4 Qf6 27.Rae1 Qxb2+ 28.Rf2 Qf6 29.Re6 Qf7 30.Rd6 Na5 31.Qg5 Nc4 32.Re6 d4 33.f6 h6 34.Qxg7+ Qxg7 35.fxg7 Ne3+ 36.Kh2 1-0 Storkan,Z (2565)-11. ♗d2 ♘gf6 12. 000 ♗e7_ (2420) 32/210 Tuzla 1981]
22.Kh2 Qf6N
[22...Be8 23.Qe3 Szalay Ocsak,B-N, N olm2 qual GP2 B2 corr 1948]
23.Rad1 Be8 24.Rd2 Bg6 25.Qe3 h6 26.Ng3 Kh7 27.Rff2 a6 28.Kg2 Rf7 29.Rd1 Rf8 30.Re2 Re8 Black has compensation. **31.Kh2 Re7 32.Rdd2 Re8 33.Re1 Re7 34.Ree2 Re8 35.Rd1 Re7 36.a3 Kh8 37.b4 Kh7 38.Kg2 Re8 39.Qd2** -0.39/24
[39.f5= 0.00/27 exf5 Discovered

Attack *(39...Bxf5 40.Nxf5 Qxf5 41.Rf1±)* 40.Qf4 Rxe2+ 41.Nxe2]
39...Rf8∓ 40.Rf2 Qh4 41.a4 Bf5 0.20/23
[Black should try 41...Ne7∓ -0.34/20]
42.Nxf5= Rxf5 43.b5 axb5 44.axb5 Ne7 45.Qd3 Ng6 46.Rdf1 Kh8 47.Qe3 Qf6 48.Kh2 Kh7 49.Rf3 Kh8 50.R3f2 Kh7 51.Qd2 Nh4 52.Qd3 Ng6 53.Qe3 Qf7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless) . Loss on time!?
0-1

C10

□ **Svidler,Peter** **2689**
■ **Rustemov,Alexander** **2525**
Titled Tuesday intern op 21st May Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Neg5 Nd7 7.Bd3 Ngf6 8.Qe2 Qe7** now scores much better than the old 8...Bxf3. punktet besser als das ältere 8...Lxf3. **9.0-0 h6 10.Ne4 Nxe4** White is slightly better. **11.Bxe4 Bxe4 12.Qxe4 0-0-0**
[12...c6 13.c4 *(13.Ne5 Nf6 14.Qf3 Qc7 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.c4 0-0-0 17.c5 Bxe5 18.Bxe5 Qe7 19.b4 Ne8 20.b5 f6 21.Bg3 Rd5 22.bxc6 bxc6 23.Rab1 Nc7 24.Bd6 Rxd6 25.cxd6 Qxd6 26.Rfc1 Kd7 27.Rb7 Ra8* 1-0 Manon Og,R (1950)-Bogumil,T (2090) Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Early blitz 2024 (8)) 13...Nf6 14.Qh4 g6 15.Re1 Bg7 16.Qh3 g5 17.Ne5 0-0-0 18.Qb3 Nd7 19.Be3 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Bxe5 21.Bxa7 Bd4 22.Bb6 Bxb6 23.Qxb6 Qc7 24.Qe3 Rd7 25.a4 Qf4 26.Qxf4 gxf4 27.Re4 ½-½ Sutovsky,E (2651)-Rustemov,A (2607) 82/259 Esbjerg 2001]
13.c4 0.05/20
[13.c3± 0.53/21]
13...g5= 14.Re1N
[Vorgänger: 14.Qe2 -0.17/20 14.Rf1-e1 0.23 Bg7 15.Be3 Rhe8 16.Rfd1 -0.52/20 *(16.Rad1= -0.04/23)* 16...f5∓ 17.c5



c6 -0.10/22 *(17...Nb8!∓ -0.72/22)* 18.b4 f4 19.Bd2 -0.87/22 *(19.Bc1∓ -0.48/23 is more appropriate.)* 19...e5∓ 20.Bc3 -1.40/20 ;0-1 Rasulov,V (2523)-Rustemov,A (2525) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (5) *(* White should play *20.b5* -0.85/23 *exd4* Discovered Attack *21.Qxe7 Rxe7 22.bxc6 Nxc5 23.cxb7+ Kxb7 24.Bb4)* 20...e4 21.Nd2 Nf6 22.Nc4 Nd5 23.Qc2 e3 24.Nd6+ Rxd6 25.cxd6 Qxd6 26.Be1 exf2+ 27.Bxf2 Ne3 28.Qe2 Bxd4 29.Kh1 Qe5 30.Rxd4 Qxd4 31.Rg1 Qxb4 32.Qh5 Re6 33.Qf7 Qe7 34.Qg8+ Kc7 35.Qa8 0-1 Sperat Czar,N (2523)-14.Bc4 Rc4 15.g4 (2525) Hersonissos 101/182

2007 (5) Qa3 36.Rb1 b6 37.Qg8 Rd6 38.Rg1 Rd7 39.Qe6 Qd6 40.Qe4 Ng4 41.Be1 Qd5 42.Qa4 Kb7 43.h3 Ne3 44.Bf2 c5 45.Bxe3 fxe3 46.Re1 Re7 47.Qg4 Qe4 48.Qg3 e2 49.Qf2 c4 50.Qf6 0-1 Rasulov,V (2523)-Rustemov,A (2525) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late blitz 2023 (5)]

14...Bg7 15.b4 Rhe8 16.b5 -0.44/26

[16.Rb1= 0.00/23]

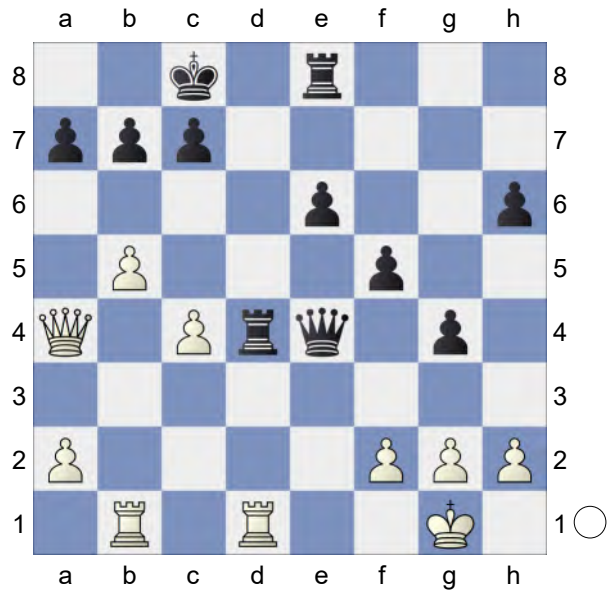
16...f5 17.Qc2 g4 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Qb4 20.Be3! Bxe5 21.Rab1 Qc3 0.30/20

[⌓21...Qa5 -0.24/21]

22.Qa4= Bd4? 4.28/22

[22...b6!± 0.40/22]

23.Rec1+- Qd3 24.Rd1 Qe4 25.Bxd4 Remove Defender **25...Rxd4**



26.Qxa7? 0.00/30

[Only move: 26.Re1!+- 3.94/31 Qd5 27.b6]

26...Rxd1+ 0.73/5

[26...b6!= 0.00/30 keeps the balance.]

27.Rxd1 Endgame. KQR-KQR **27...b6!**

28.c5 White wants to mate with c5-c6.

28...Qb7 29.Qa3 0.31/24 White is more active.

[29.cxb6 Qxa7 30.bxa7 Kb7∓]

[⌓29.Qxb7+! 0.67/30 Kxb7 30.c6+ Kc8 31.h3]

29...bxc5!± 30.Qxc5 Qb6 31.Qe5 0.10/25

[31.Qa3± 0.53/23 deserves consideration. Kb7 32.Qb3]

31...Rd8= 32.Rc1 Qd6 33.Qe2↑ White is pushing. **33...e5?** 1.88/21 Black is now going downhill.

[33...Kb7= 0.11/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]

34.g3 0.38/21

[34.b6!+- 1.88/21 Black must now prevent Qe2-a6+. Qd3 35.Kf1 *(35.Qxe5 Qd1+* Double Attack *36.Qe1 Qxe1+ 37.Rxe1 cxb6=; 35.Rxc7+ Kb8±)*]

34...f4? 3.32/25

[Black should try 34...e4± 0.38/21]

35.Qxg4+ Kb8 36.Qf3 Qd2? 3.91/21

[36...Rf8 2.34/21 37.Qc6 Rd8]

37.Qc6+- Qd6 38.Qc4 1.91/20

[⌓38.Kg2 3.74/22]

38...fxg3? 3.73/20

[38...h5 1.91/20 39.Qe4 h4]

39.hxg3 h5 40.a4 Rc8 7.44/22

[⌓40...Qb6 4.01/20 41.Qf7 Qd6]

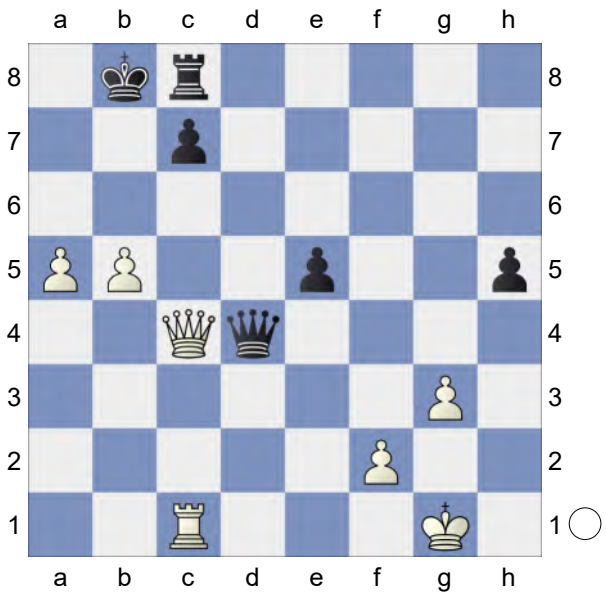
41.a5 Qd4

(Diagram)

42.b6! Qxc4 43.Rxc4 KR-KR **43...c5 44.Kf1 Kb7 45.Rh4 Ka6 46.Rxh5 c4** Threatens to win with ...c4-c3. **47.Ke2 c3** ...c3-c2 would now be deadly. **48.Kd1**

[48.Rxe5? loses. c2 49.b7 Kxb7 *(49...c1R? 50.bxc8R Rxc8 51.f4+-; 49...c1Q 50.bxc8B+ Qxc8 51.f4∓)* 50.Re7+ Kb8-+]

48...Kxa5 49.b7 Rd8+ 50.Kc2 Kb6 51.Kxc3 Re8 52.Kd3 Hoping for



Rh5xe5! **52...Kxb7 53.Ke4 Kc6 54.Rxe5 Ra8 55.f4 Kd6 56.g4 Ra4+ 57.Kf5 Ra8 58.g5 Rf8+ 59.Kg4 Rg8 60.Re1** f4-f5 is the strong threat. **60...Rf8 61.f5** And now g5-g6 would win. **61...Ra8 62.g6** Threatening mate with g6-g7. **62...Ra4+ 63.Kg5** g6-g7 would kill now. **63...Ra2 64.Kf6** 40.91/22

[⌓64.g7 #25/22 Rc2 65.f6 *(65.g8B Rg2+ 66.Kh6 Rxg8+-)* 65...Rg2+ 66.Kh6 Kc5 67.f7 Rh2+ 68.Kg6 Rg2+ 69.Kf6]

64...Rf2 65.g7 White mates. **65...Rg2 66.Kf7 Kd5 67.f6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.58

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C07

□ **Kevlishvili,Robby** **2524**
■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2697**
American Cup Blitz (5) 21.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 Inf 63/(236) Jansa,V: 'Inf 17/246' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.g3 Be7 8.N2f3 b6N**

Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[8...0-0 9.Bg2 Nc6 *(9...b5 10.0-0 a6 11.Qe2 Bf6 12.Rd1 Qb6 13.a4 b4 14.a5 Qc5 15.Bg5 Ra7 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.Nb3 Qe7 18.Ne5 Bb7 19.Bxb7 Rxb7 20.Rd4 Rc8* Kengis,E (2575)-Gulko,B (2595) Riga 63/(236) 1995*; 9...Qc7 10.0-0 b6 11.Bd2 Bb7 12.Rc1 a6 13.c4 Nf6 14.Bf4 Qc8 15.Qe2 Nc6 16.Be3 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Bc5 18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.Ne1 Qc7 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.Bxb7 Qxb7 22.Nd3 Rdc8 23.Qe3 h6 24.Nxc5* ½-½ Kevlishvili,R (2536)-Oleksienko,M (2594) WchT Pool-A 13th rapid 2022 (5.4)*; 9...Bd7 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Ne5 Qc7 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Qe2 b5 15.Be3 Bf6 16.Rad1 Rfc8 17.c3 Rc7 18.Rd2 Rd7 19.a4 a6 20.Ra1 Rb8 21.axb5 axb5 22.Bd4 Bxd4 23.Rxd4 g6 24.h4* ½-½ Jansa,V-Kortschnoj,V (ol) 17/246 Nice 1974*)* 10.0-0 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Qb6 12.c4 Nf6 13.Nf3 Bc5 14.Qc2 Re8 15.Bf4 h6 16.Rad1 Nd7 17.a3 e5 18.Rfe1 f6 19.b4 Be7 20.Qg6 Kf8 21.Bxh6 gxh6 22.Qxh6+ Kg8 23.Nd4 1-0 8.Qf3 Nc6 9.e3 h6-13.Nd5 Bxb2 83/(199) Montecatini Terme 2002]

9.Bb5+N The position is equal.

[Vorgänger: 9.c4 Nf6! 10.Bg2 Threatens to win with Nf3-e5. Bb7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bf4 Nbd7 13.Qe2 Nh5 14.Be3 a6 15.a4 Qc7 ½-½ Svidler,P (2714)-Xiong,J (2710) Saint Louis Blitz 2021 (16)]

9...Bd7 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Ne5 Bb7 ...Qd8-c7 would now be deadly.

[12...Bb4+ simplifies 13.Bd2 Qd6

14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.0-0 Bxd2 16.Qxd2 Rd8]

13.Bb5+ Kf8 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qf3 f6 3.44/20

[Black should play 15...Bf6!± 0.32/22 16.Nd7+ Kg7]

16.Bh6++- Kg8 17.Nc6 0.52/23

[17.Bd7!+- 3.25/21 Bc8 18.Bc6]

17...Qd6 0.90/22

[17...Qc7!± 0.52/23 feels stronger. 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7]

18.Nxe7+± Qxe7 19.0-0 0.08/25

[19.0-0-0± 1.07/24]

19...Rc8 20.c4 Nb4 21.Qe2⇄ White is not holding back **21...Kf7 22.Rfe1 Rhd8** aiming for ...Nb4-d3.

23.h4? -2.21/22

[23.Rad1= -0.27/24]

23...Nd3-+ Active counter play! **24.Rf1** -3.17/22

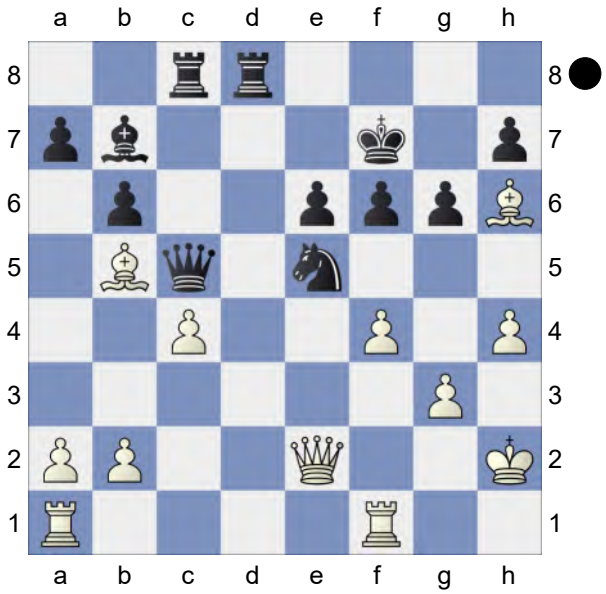
[24.Red1 -1.85/18 was worth a try. Ne5 25.Qe3]

24...Ne5 25.f4? -5.03/23

[25.f3 -3.12/21 might work better. Qb4 *(25...a6? 26.Ba4-+)* 26.Bf4]

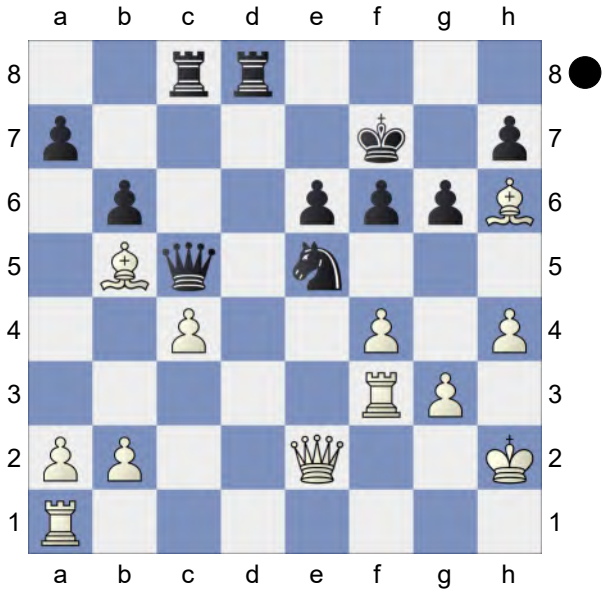
25...Qc5+ Black is clearly winning.

26.Kh2



Bf3! 27.Rxf3

[27.Qe1 Ng4+]



27...Rd2!! Pin **28.Re3**

[28.Kh1 Rxe2]

28...Qxe3 Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.90/ Black=0.38

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C08

□ **Antipov,Mikhail Al** **2607**

■ **Akobian,Varuzhan** **2576**

Saint Louis Winter Blitz (12.3) 20.12.23

[Kitty Kat]

C08: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 sidelines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 a6 4.Ngf3 c5 5.exd5 exd5 6.dxc5**

[6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 c4 8.b3 cxb3 9.Nxb3 Nf6 10.Re1 Be7 11.Ne5 0-0 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bd3 Bg4 14.f3 Bh5 15.a4 a5 16.Ba3 Bxa3 17.Rxa3 Qd6 18.Nc5 Nd7 19.Rc3 Bg6 20.Bf1 Rfb8 1-0 Antipov,M (2607)-Akobian,V (2576) Saint Louis Winter Rapid 2023 (6.3)]

6...Bxc5 7.Bd3 Nf6

[7...Qe7+ 8.Qe2 Nc6 9.Nb3 Qxe2+ 10.Kxe2 Bb6 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Kxe3 Nge7 13.Rhe1 0-0 14.Kd2 f6 15.Re3 b6 16.Rae1 Ra7 17.Nfd4 Rc7 18.f4 Rd8 19.c3 Kf7 20.h3 h5 21.Ne6 Bxe6 22.Rxe6 1-0 Balabayeva,K (2163)-Mammadova,G (2289) Wch Blitz (Women) 2022 (7)]

8.0-0N 8.0-0 is better than 8.Nb3. 8.0-0 ist besser als 8.Sb3.

[8.Nb3 Qe7+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Kxe2 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Kf1 Nc6 13.c3 Bb4 14.cxb4 1-0 Traut,W (2119)-Hey,R (1981) corr 1.DSFC-V2 Post 2015]

8...0-0 9.Nb3 Bb6 10.Re1 Nc6 11.Be3 Bg4 12.c3 Re8 13.Bxb6 Qxb6 14.Be2 Ne4N

[Vorgänger: 14...a5 ...a5-a4 would now be deadly. 15.Qc2 Ne4 16.Nbd4 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Rac8 19.Qb3 Qxb3 20.axb3 b6 ½-½ Czopor,M (2427)-Dobrowolski,P (2405) Legnica Voivoda Cup 36th 2022 (3)]

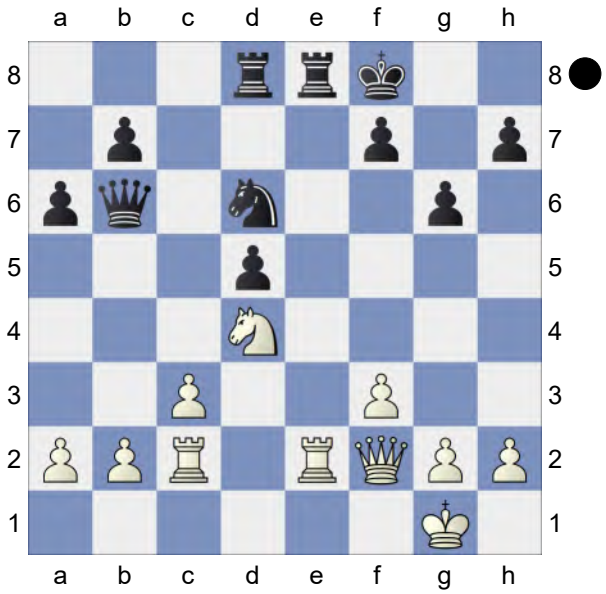
15.Nfd4 Bxe2 16.Rxe2 Rad8 17.Qe1 g6 18.Rd1 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Nf6 20.Rdd2 Ne4 21.Rc2 Kf8 22.f3 Nd6

[22...Nc5 with more complications. 23.Qh4 Kg7 24.Rcd2 Rxe2 25.Rxe2 Qf6]

23.Qf2

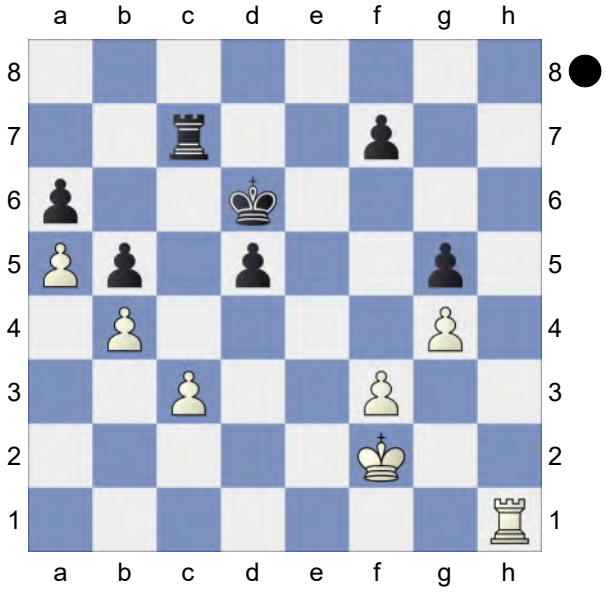
(Diagram)

aiming for Nd4-e6+! **23...Nb5 24.Nb3 Qc7 25.Rcd2 Rxe2 26.Qxe2 Qb6+ 27.Qf2 Qxf2+ 28.Kxf2=** Endgame. And now Nb3-c5 would win. KRN-KRN **28...Nc7 29.Na5 b6 30.Nc6 Rd6 31.Nd4 Ne6 32.Ke3 Ke7 33.Re2 Rd7 34.h4 Kd6 35.Rd2 Nxd4 36.Rxd4** KR-KR **36...Re7+ 37.Kf2 b5 38.g4 h6**



39.a4 Kc5 40.a5 Kd6 41.Rd2 Kc5 42.Rd4 g5 Wards off Rd4-f4 **43.hxg5 hxg5 44.b4+ Kd6 45.Rd1 Rc7 46.Rh1?** -2.48/25

[46.Rd3= 0.00/26 and White is okay.]



46...f6!-+ 47.Rh6? -4.33/33

[47.f4 -2.07/24 was the only defense. gxf4 *(47...Rxc3 48.Rh6=)* 48.Kf3]

47...Ke5!

[47...Rxc3 48.Rxf6+ Ke5 49.Rf5+ *(49.Rxa6 Rb3=)* 49...Kd4 50.Rxg5±]

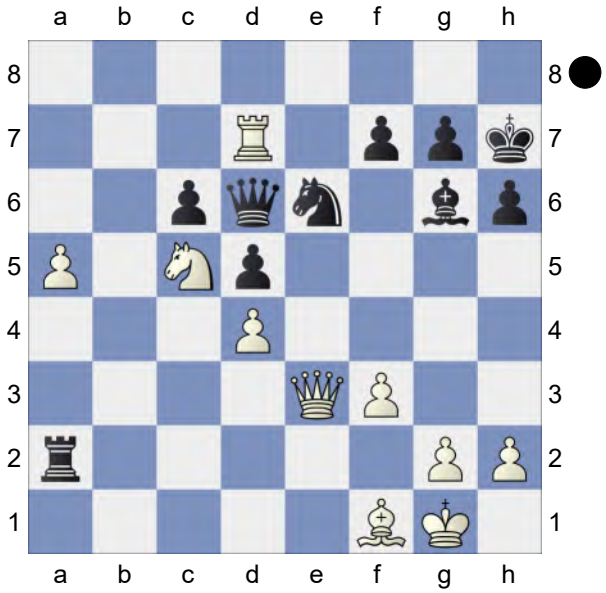
48.Rh8? -4.86/29

[48.Rh3 -2.68/24 only move.]
48...Rxc3 Threatens to win with ...Ke5-f4. **49.Ra8 Rc6** White must now prevent ...Ke5-f4. **50.Ke3 d4+ 51.Kd3 Kf4?** 0.00/32
[51...Rc3+-+ -3.93/29 52.Kd2 Rxf3 53.Rxa6 Rb3]
52.Kxd4= The position is equal. **52...Rc4+ 53.Kd5 Rxb4 54.Rxa6 Kxf3 55.Rxf6+ Kxg4 56.Kc5 Rb1 57.a6 b4 58.a7 Ra1 59.Kb6 b3** (→ ...b3-b2) **60.Rf2 Kh4 61.Rh2+ Kg3 62.Rb2 Ra3 63.Kb7 g4 64.a8Q Rxa8 65.Rxb3+ Kh2 66.Kxa8 g3 67.Rxg3 Kxg3** White happily takes the draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

C08

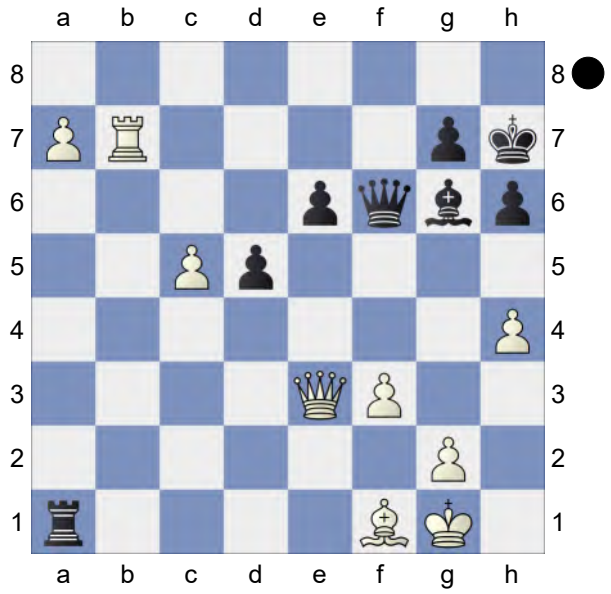
□ **Antipov,Mikhail Al** **2607**
■ **Akobian,Varuzhan** **2576**
Saint Louis Winter Rapid (6.3) 19.12.23
[Kitty Kat]

C08: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 sidelines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 a6 4.Ngf3 c5 5.exd5 exd5 6.Be2 Nc6**
[6...c4 7.0-0 Bd6 8.b3 cxb3 9.axb3 Ne7 10.Re1 Nbc6 11.Nf1 0-0 12.Ne3 Be6 13.Bd3 Ng6 14.g3 Bb4 15.Bd2 Bxd2 16.Qxd2 Qf6 17.Qd1 Rad8 18.Bf1 Nge7 ½-½ Grimm,S (2663)-4.h3 Bg7 5.Nf3 de4 6.Ne (2637) NLD-ch 1991 (7)]
7.0-0 c4 8.b3N
[8.Re1!? Be7 9.b3 cxb3 10.axb3 Lesson 4: French 3. Nd2 and A-French 3. Nd2 a6]
8...cxb3 9.Nxb3 Nf6 10.Re1 White has an edge. **10...Be7 11.Ne5 0-0 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bd3** Dodges Nf6-e4 **13...Bg4 14.f3 Bh5 15.a4 a5 16.Ba3 Bxa3 17.Rxa3 Qd6 18.Nc5 Nd7 19.Rc3 Bg6 20.Bf1 Rfb8 21.Qd2 Rb4 22.Rce3 h6** 0.28/24
[22...Rf8 -0.19/22 might be stronger. 23.c3 Rbb8]
23.Re8+= Rxe8 24.Rxe8+ Nf8! 25.Ra8
[25.h4 looks sharper. Kh7 26.Kf2 Rb2 27.Bd3]
25...Kh7 26.Rxa5 Rb2 27.Qe3 Rxc2 28.Ra7 aiming for a4-a5. **28...Ra2 29.a5 Ne6** 0.74/23
[29...Ra1!= 0.23/25]
30.Rd7±



Deflection **30...Qb8 31.Nxe6 fxe6 32.a6** Rd7-b7! would now be deadly. **32...Ra1 33.Rb7**
[33.Qxe6? perishes. Qf4 *(33...Qb5? 34.h4-+* Decoy *)* 34.Qe5 *(34.Qxc6? Qxd4+ 35.Kh1 Rxf1#)* 34...Qxe5 35.dxe5 Bd3-+]
33...Qd8 4.15/22
[33...Qd6± 1.08/25 is a better chance. 34.Qc3 Ra2]
34.h4? 0.26/23
[34.Qxe6? too greedy. Bd3 35.h3

Rxf1+-+]
[White has to play 34.Qe5!+- 4.15/22 Qf8 35.Kf2 *(35.Qxe6? is the wrong capture. Qf4-+)*]
34...Qf6= 35.a7↑ White is more active.
35...c5? 3.83/23
[35...h5!± 0.35/25]
36.dxc5+-



Threatens to win with c5-c6. **36...d4 37.Qd2 d3?** 4.65/21
[37...e5± 1.60/21]
38.Rd7 Qe5 39.Qf2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) / Black=0.37
1-0

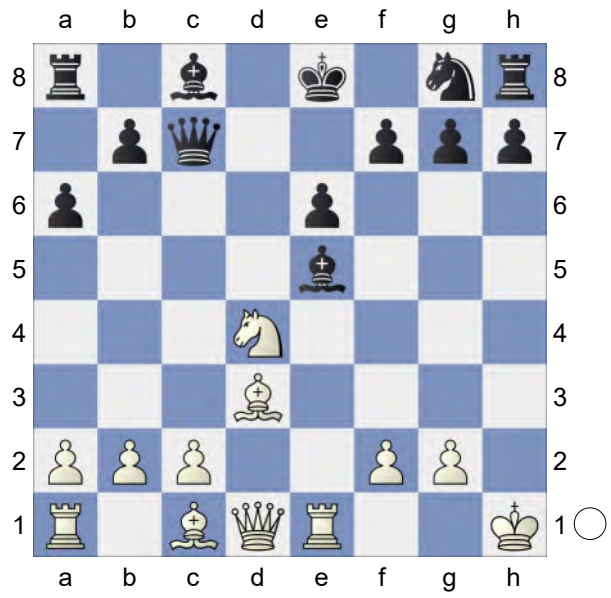
C07

□ **Piorun,Kacper** **2623**
■ **Shevchenko,Kirill** **2645**
POL-chT Ekstraliga (7.3) 09.09.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 Adams,Michael: 'John Fedorowicz: 'Adams treatment of this variation deserves a look. He plays to break down Black's f7, e6, d5 square complex.'' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 a6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qc7 11.Bd3 Bd6 12.Re1**
[12.h3 Ne7 13.Re1 *(13.c3 Bd7 14.Qe2 Ng6 15.Nf5 Be5 16.f4 Bf6 17.Ng3 0-0-0 18.Be3 Bc6 19.Rad1 Nh4 20.Rf2 Rd7 21.Nh5 Rhd8 22.Nxf6 gxf6 23.Bd4 Rg8 24.Be4 e5 25.fxe5 fxe5 26.Bxc6 Qxc6 27.Qxe5 Rxg2+* 0-1 Utsab,C (2254)-Sengupta,D (2433) IND-ch Rapid 2024 (8) *)* 13...0-0 *(13...e5 14.Nb3 0-0 15.Nd2 f5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Bg5 Ng6 19.Bxf5 Qb6 20.Be3 Qc6 21.Bxe6+ Qxe6 22.Qg4 Qc6 23.c3 Nf4 24.Bxf4 Rxf4 25.Qg3 Raf8 26.Re2 R8f6 27.Qe3 Rg6 28.g3* 1-0 Provost,T (2286)-Kalloor,A (1829) FRA-ch Accession 2003 (1) *)* 14.Qh5 Ng6 15.Nf3 b5 16.Be3 Be7 17.a4 b4 18.a5 Bb7 19.Ng5 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 Qc6 21.Bb6 f5 22.f3 Rae8 23.Rad1 Rf6 24.b3 Nf8 25.Qf4 Rg6 26.Kh2 Nd7 1-0 Adams,M (2734)-Stefansson,H (2569) 87/191 Reykjavik 2003]
12...Bxh2+N
[12...Nf6 13.h3 0-0 14.Bg5 Bh2+ 15.Kh1 Be5 16.Rxe5 Qxe5 17.f4 Qc7 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qg4+ Kh8 20.Qh4 f5 21.Qf6+ Kg8 22.Qg5+ Kh8 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Qg5+ Kh8 25.Qf6+ Kg8 ½-½ Fier,A (2604)-Mekhitarian,K (2537) Caioba op 7th 2023 (5)]
13.Kh1 aiming for g2-g3. **13...Be5**

(Diagram)

14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.Qh5! Nf6
[15...g5?! 16.Bxg5 Ne7 17.f4+- *(17.Bxh7? Qxc2 18.Bxc2 Rxh5+-+;*



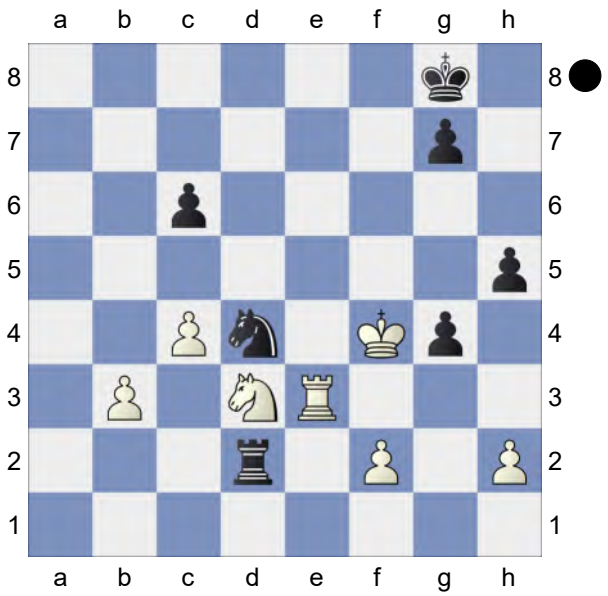
17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qxe5 0-0-0+-)]
16.Qxe5 Qxe5 17.Rxe5 0-0 18.Re1 Rac8 19.Bd2 Rfd8 The position is equal. **20.Bg5 Rd5 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Kg1 Bf5 23.Bxf5 Rxf5=** Endgame. KRR-KRR **24.Re2 Rd5 25.Rae1 Kg7 26.c3 b5 27.g3 f5 28.Kg2 Rc4 29.Re5 Rcc5 30.Re7 Rd2 31.R1e2 Rcd5 32.Kf3 Kf6 33.Rxd2 Rxd2** KR-KR **34.Re2 Rd5 35.Kf4 h5 36.a3 a5 37.b4 a4 38.f3 Rd3 39.Re3 Rd5 40.Re8 Rd3 41.Rc8 Kg6 42.Rc5 f6 43.Rc8**
[43.Rxf5? Rxf3+ *(43...Rxc3 44.Rxb5 Rxa3 45.Ra5=)* 44.Kxf3 Kxf5-+]
43...Kg7 44.Rc7+
[44.Kxf5 Rxf3+ 45.Ke6 Re3+ *(45...Rxg3 46.c4∓)* 46.Kd5 Rd3+ *(46...Rxg3? 47.c4-+)* 47.Ke6 Rxg3]
44...Kh6 45.Rc6 Kg7 46.Rc8
[But not 46.Kxf5 Rxf3+ 47.Ke6 Rxg3∓]
46...Kh7 47.Rc7+
[47.Kxf5 Rxf3+ 48.Ke6 Rxg3]
47...Kh6 48.Rc8
[48.Kxf5 Rxf3+ 49.Ke6 Rxg3∓]
48...Kh7 49.Rc7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

C09
□ **Giri,Anish** **2776**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2634**
FIDE World Cup 2021 (3.3) 20.07.2021
[John Watson,Kitty Kat]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Qe7+ 7.Be2
[7.Qe2 hasn't been successful and is being seen less. One game this month went Qxe2+ 8.Kxe2 a6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Ne5 *(10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Nb3 Bd6* is seen in the notes to Hapala-Luba in the Archives*)* 10...Bf5!? *(10...c4! 11.Nxc6 Bf5 12.Kd1 f6* gives full compensation, e.g., *13.Na5 Rb8 14.Nf1 Kd7 15.Ne3 Be6 16.a3 Be7* with ...Bd8 next*)* 11.c3? *(11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Nb3 Bd6 13.Nxc6 Bxc2∞)* 11...Rc8 *(11...cxd4! 12.cxd4 f6 13.Nxc6 Rc8 14.Na5 Rc2 15.Re1 Kf7∓)* 12.dxc5 f6 *(12...Bxc5∓)* 13.Nef3 Bxc5= Zelbova,L (1939) - Bartos,J (2130) Ceske Budejovice 2021]
7...Qc7 8.dxc5 This might transpose into a known line.
[8.0-0 Nf6 is more common, when this month's Moisenko-Kryvakin and several Archives games feature 9.Re1 cxd4 *(and 9...Be6)*]
8...Bxc5 9.Nb3 Bb6!? Ambitious and apparently sound Black keeps the bishop active at the potential cost of a pawn.
[9...Be7 10.0-0 *(10.Qxd5?? Nb4)* 10...Nf6= would transpose into Martin Duque-Sebenik in the Archives]

10.0-0
[10.Qxd5 is critical: Nf6 11.Qc4! *(11.Qd1 0-0 12.0-0 Bg4 13.c3 Rfe8 14.Nbd4 Rad8* gives Black full play for the pawn, which he should soon recover.*;* A previous game went *11.Qg5?* Vokhidov,S (2529)-Tregubov,P (2560) Chess.com INT 2020 but here both sides missed *Bxf2+! 12.Kf1 0-0* and Black stands very much better *)* 11...Be6 12.Qf4 Qe7! 13.Nbd4 Bxd4 14.Nxd4 Bc4 15.Be3 Nxd4 16.Qxd4 Bxe2 17.Kxe2 0-0 , bagain with compensation, e.g., 18.Rhd1 Qc7 19.Bf4 Qxc2+ 20.Kf1 Qf5=]
10...Nge7 Not an active post, but Black's position is solid.
[Although it has led to a few losses, 10...Be6 with the idea ...Nf6 looks okay, e.g., 11.Nfd4 Nf6 12.Nxe6 *(12.Bg5 Ne4 13.Be3 0-0)* 12...fxe6 13.c4 dxc4?! *(13...Qf7=; 13...Qd6=)* 14.Bxc4 0-0 15.Qe2± Kh8 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Nd5 18.Qe4 Nf4?! *(18...Rf4! 19.Qxe6 Rh4 20.g3 Nf4 21.Qe3 Nh3+ 22.Kg2 Rxc4 23.Kxh3 Rc2∞)* 19.Rac1 Qe5 20.Qxe5 Nxe5 21.Rfd1± Adams,M (2727)-Nikolaidis,I (2519), Hersonissos GRE 2017]
11.Nfd4
[11.Bd3!? Bg4 12.Re1 h6±]
11...0-0
[11...Nf5!?]
12.Be3 a6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bxb6 Qxb6 15.Qd4 Qxd4 16.Nxd4 Rb8= 17.Nb3 The knight will lose time here but becomes active in return.
[17.b3 gives Black space and central control following c5 18.Nf3 a5 19.Rfe1 Nc6=]
17...Bf5 18.Rfc1 a5! 19.Rab1 a4 20.Nc5 Ra8 21.Bd3
[21.b4 axb3 22.axb3 Ra2 23.Bd3 Rfa8=]
21...Ra5 22.Bxf5
[22.Nb7 Ra7 23.Nc5 Ra5=]
22...Nxf5 23.Nd7 Re8 24.c4 d4!?
[24...Rd8 25.Ne5 Ne7= 26.cxd5 Raxd5 27.Nf3 h5 28.h3 f6 29.g3 Kf7=]
25.b4 axb3 26.axb3 Ra2
[26...c5=]
27.Nc5 Ree2
[27...h5]
28.Nd3 Nd6 29.Ra1 Ne4 30.Rxa2 Rxa2 31.Re1 f5 32.g4?
[32.f3 Nc3 33.Re6=]
32...Ng5! 33.Kg2 fxg4 34.Kg3 -0.88/27
[34.Rd1]
[34.Ne5= -0.24/27 keeps the balance.]
34...Nf3 0.00/28
[34...h5!∓]
[34...h5∓ -0.88/27 ...Kg8-f7 would now be deadly. 35.Re5 Rd2]
35.Re7 Rd2 36.Nf4 d3 37.Re3?? -1.50/27
[37.Kxg4 Rxf2 38.Nxd3 Nxh2+ 39.Kh4 Rf6 and Black has only a tiny edge.]
[37.Kxg4= -0.12/23 Rxf2 *(37...Nxh2+ 38.Kg3∓)* 38.Nxd3 Nxh2+ *(38...Rxh2?* perishes. *39.Kxf3 Rh3+ 40.Ke4+-)* 39.Kh4]
37...h5!∓ Suddenly White has no good defense. **38.Nxh5?** -4.92/22
[38.Rxd3? -6.15/26 38.h2-h3 -1.56 h4+ 39.Kxg4 *(39.Kg2 Ne1+)* 39...Ne5+]
[38.Nxd3 Nd4! (doubtless what Giri had missed) and both ... Nf5+ and ... Nc2 are threatened, so 39.Kf4

(Diagram)



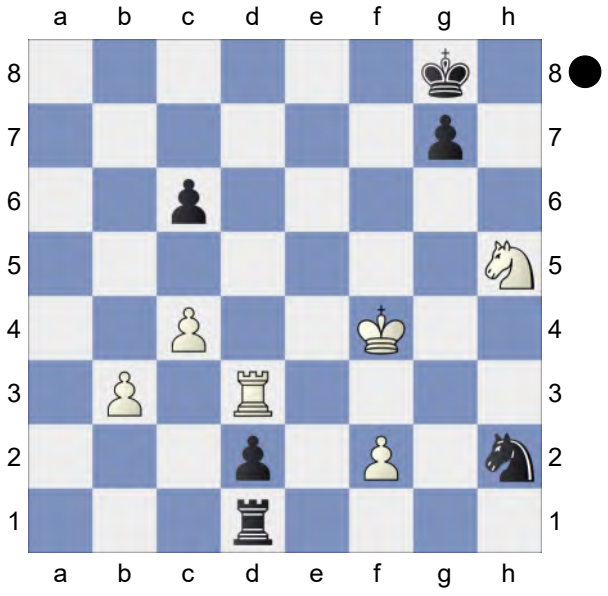
Nc2! 40.Rg3 h4-+ might follow]
[38.h3 -2.38/24 Rd1 39.hxg4 Rg1+ *(39...Nd2 40.Rxd3 Rg1+ 41.Kh2±)* 40.Kxf3 hxg4+ 41.Ke4]

38...Rd1-+ The d-pawn can't be stopped.

39.Kxg4 Nxh2+ 40.Kf4

[40.Kh3 d2 White must now prevent ...Rd1-b1. 41.Rd3 Nf1 42.Kg2 Rb1]

40...d2 41.Rd3



Nf1! Black simply moves the rook and queens next.

0-1

C09

□ **Grube,Joerg** **2776**
■ **Boskovic,M.** **2634**
73/32 Kstovo (3.3) 20.07.2021
[Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 e'''Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Kramnik,Vladimir: 'Kramnik,V: 'Inf 75/298"" ' ' xd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Qe7+ 7.Be2 Qc7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nb3 Bb6** White is slightly better.

[9...Be7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Bg5 0-0 12.c3 Rd8 13.Nbd4 Ne4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Re1 Qf6 16.h3 Bf5 17.Nxf5 Qxf5 18.Qc2 Rac8 19.Rad1 Qf4 20.Bb5 Nf6 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Re7 Rc7 23.Qe2 Qd6 24.Rxc7 ½-½ Ledger,A (2335)-Townsend,M (2150) ENG-ch Seniors 50 2024 (2)]

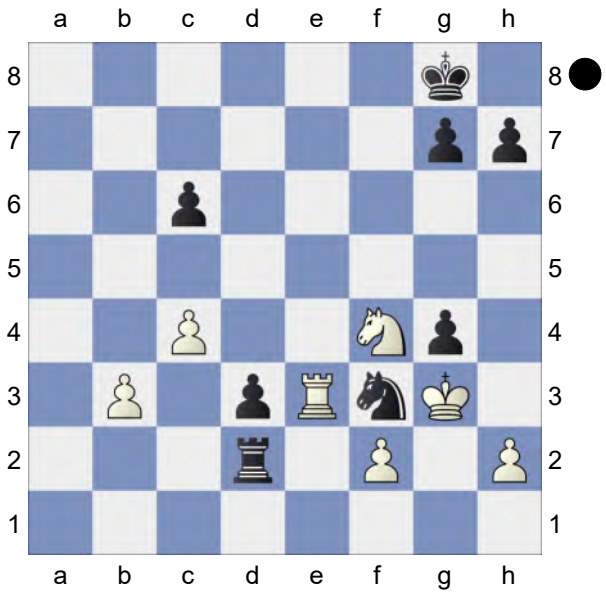
10.0-0 Nge7N

[10...Be6 11.Nfd4 Nf6 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.c4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 0-0 15.Qe2 Kh8 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Nd5 18.Qe4 Nf4 19.Rac1 Qe5 20.Qxe5 Nxe5 21.Rfd1 Nxc4 22.Rxc4 Rad8 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.h4 e5 25.g3 16) White Avoids 8.Na3-Moskalenko, V URS-ch Soviet Union 1983 Nd3 26.Rc2 b6 27.Kf1 Nb4 28.Rc7 a5 29.a3 Nd3 30.Rc2 Rf8 31.Nc1 Nc5 32.Ke2 h6 33.Nd3 Nxd3 34.Kxd3 Rf3+ 35.Kc4 e4 36.Re2 Kh7 37.Kd5 Rb3 38.Kxe4 Kg6 39.Ke5 Kf7 40.g4 ½-½ Adams,M (2716)-Kramnik,V (2751) 75/298_80763 1999]

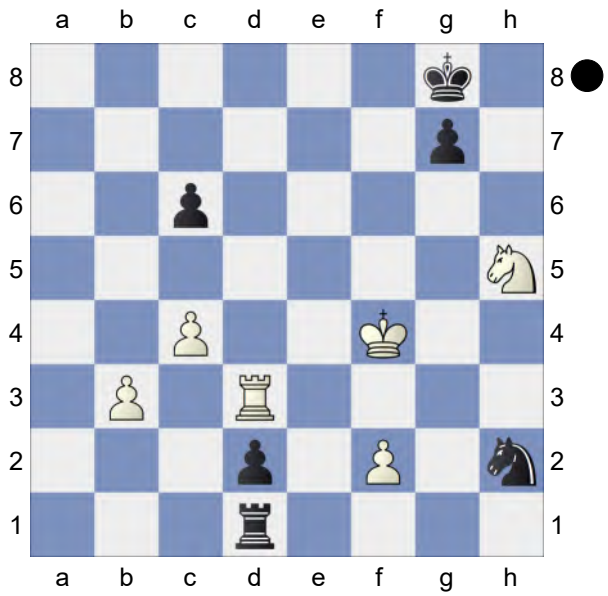
11.Nfd4 0-0 12.Be3 a6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bxb6 Qxb6 15.Qd4 Prevents c6-c5

15...Qxd4 16.Nxd4 Rb8 17.Nb3 Bf5 18.Rfc1 a5 19.Rab1 a4 20.Nc5 Ra8 21.Bd3 Ra5 22.Bxf5 Nxf5 23.Nd7 Re8 24.c4 d4 25.b4 axb3 26.axb3

Ra2 27.Nc5 Ree2 28.Nd3 Nd6 29.Ra1 Ne4 30.Rxa2 Rxa2= Endgame. KRN-KRN **31.Re1 f5 32.g4 Ng5 33.Kg2** Prevents Ng5-f3 **33...fxg4** Hoping for ...h7-h5. **34.Kg3** -0.81/26
[34.Ne5= -0.25/26 keeps the balance.]
34...Nf3 -0.01/28 Black is more active.
[Black should try 34...h5∓ -0.81/26 White must now prevent ...Kg8-f7. 35.Re8+ Kf7]
35.Re7 Rd2 36.Nf4 d3 37.Re3 -1.64/27
[37.Kxg4= -0.20/30 and White stays safe. Rxf2 *(37...Nxh2+ 38.Kg3=)* 38.Nxd3 Nxh2+ *(38...Rxh2? is the wrong capture. 39.Kxf3 Rh3+ 40.Ke4+-)* 39.Kh4]



This move loses the game for White. **37...h5!-+** aiming for ...Rd2-d1. **38.Nxh5?** -4.52/27
[38.h3 -2.10/25 was worth a try. Rd1 39.hxg4 Rg1+ *(39...Nd2 40.Rxd3 Rg1+ 41.Kh2±)* 40.Kxf3 hxg4+ 41.Ke4]
38...Rd1 39.Kxg4 Nxh2+ 40.Kf4 d2 41.Rd3



Nf1! Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
0-1

C07
□ **Bernadskiy,Vitaliy** **2566**
■ **Salgado Lopez,Ivan** **2608**
Chessable Masters Play In rapid (8)
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Qc7 9.Qe2 Bd6 10.Nf3 dxe4 11.Qxe4** White is slightly better. **11...Nf6 12.Qh4 h6 13.0-0 c5 14.Rd1N** An important novelty. Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung.
[Vorgänger: 14.Nd2 Nd5 15.Nc4 Threatens to win with Nc4xd6+. Bf4! 16.g3 *(16.Re1 Rb8 17.Be4 Bxc1 18.Raxc1 Nb6 19.Ne3 0-0 20.b3 f5 21.Bd3 e5 22.f3 Rbe8 23.Rcd1 Kh8 24.c3 Rf6 25.Bc2 Be6 26.Rd2 a5 27.c4 Nc8 28.Bxf5 Rxf5 29.Nxf5 Bxf5 30.Qh5 Rf8* ½-½ Gelfand,B (2751)-Mamedyarov,S (2764)

Tashkent FIDE GP 2nd 2012 (6)) 16...Bxc1 17.Raxc1 Bc6 18.Rfe1 0-0 19.Qe4 Nf6 Against Qe4-h7+ 20.Qe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 ½-½ Ragger,M (2684)-Andreikin,D (2741) EU-chT 22nd Batumi 2019 (2.8) Bb7 22.Bf1 Rfd8 23.Rcd1 Rab8 24.b3 Be4 25.Bg2 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Rbc8 27.c4 Kf8 28.f4 a5 29.Kf3 Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Ke7 31.Ke3 ½-½ Mohandesi,S (2684)-Buese,R (2741) BUL-ch22 corr9192 1991 (2.29)]

[14.Re1 Ke7 15.Nd2 g5 16.Qh3 Bc6 17.Nc4 Bf4 18.b3 g4 19.Qh4 Bg5 20.Qg3 Qxg3 21.fxg3 Bxc1 22.Raxc1 Nd7 23.Re2 h5 24.Ne3 Rad8 25.Rce1 37. French 3...c5 − 5... Nc6-Qc7]

14...Bc6 15.Nd2 g5 16.Qh3 Bf4 17.Nc4 0-0-0 0.55/18

[17...Ke7= 0.00/19]

18.Be3 0.00/21

[White should try 18.Bxf4± 0.55/18 Qxf4 19.Qe3 Qxe3 20.fxe3]

18...Nd5= 19.Bxc5 g4! 20.Qh4

[20.Qxg4 Bxh2+ 21.Kh1 Rhg8∓]

20...f5 0.54/20

[20...Bg5!= 0.00/21 21.Qxg4 Rhg8]

21.Bf1± Bg5? 2.56/21 This move loses the game for Black.

[Black should play 21...Rhg8± 0.63/21]

22.Qg3+- Strongly threatening Qg3-a3.

22...Bf4

(Diagram)

23.Qa3

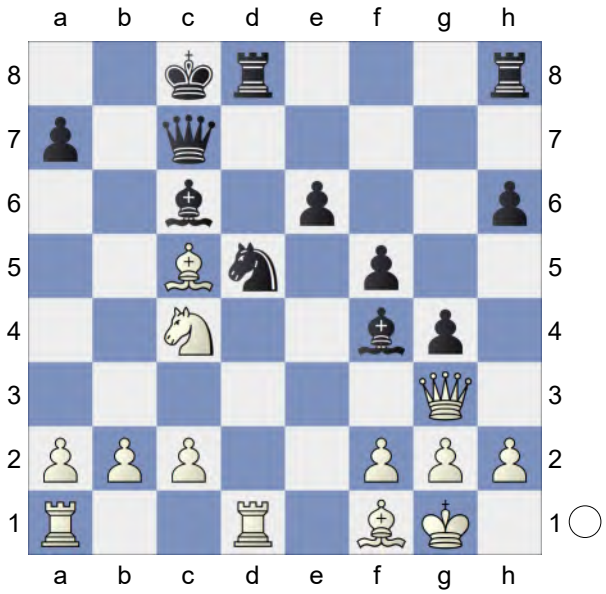
[23.Qh4 Rhg8±]

23...Bxh2+ 24.Kh1 Qa3-a6+ would now be deadly. **24...g3?** 4.79/22

[24...Rhg8 2.23/17 25.Bxa7 Bf4]

25.Bd6

[25.Qxa7 Qxa7 26.Bxa7 Nf6+-]



[25.Bxa7 gxf2 26.Qa6+ *(26.Bxf2 Bf4+-)* 26...Kd7+-]

25...Qf7 9.89/18

[25...Rxd6 3.42/18 26.Nxd6+ Kd7 27.Nxf5 *(27.fxg3 Qxd6 28.Qxa7+ Qc7+-)* 27...gxf2 *(27...exf5?* loses. *28.c4+-* Pin *)*]

26.Ne5 Qh5 27.Ba6+ Bb7 28.Qc5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.75

1-0

C07

□ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2627**

■ **Bernadskiy,Vitaliy** **2592**

Sharjah Masters 6th (6) 22.05.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.N2f3 Bb4+** 7...Bb4+ scores better than 7...Be7. 7...Lb4+ punktet besser als 7...Le7. **8.Bd2 Bc5**

[8...0-0 9.c3 Bd6 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.0-0 a6 12.Re1 Qc7 13.Qe2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 Bxf4 15.Rad1 Nf6 16.Ne5

b5 17.g3 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Qxe5 19.Rxe5 Bb7 20.Ree1 Rfd8 21.Be2 Bd5 22.Bf3 Rac8 23.Bxd5 0-1 Harika,D (2497)-Bluebaum,M (2640) Tata Steel-B 80th 2018 (7)]

9.Bb5+N White has an edge.

[Vorgänger: 9.Nb3 Be7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.Qe2 Nd7 0.46/22 *(11...Nc6= 0.02/23)* 12.h4 0.00/20 *(12.0-0-0± 0.46/22* might be stronger.*)* 12...Qc7 13.0-0-0 b6 14.Kb1 Bb7 15.Ng5 -0.17/19 ;½-½ Duda,J (2731)-Grischuk,A (2745) Speed Chess Q2 KO blitz 2022 (1.1) *(* White should play *15.Rhe1± 0.34/19)*]

[9.c3 0-0 10.Bd3 Bxd4 11.Nxd4 e5 12.Nb3 Qc7 13.0-0 a5 14.Qf3 Be6 15.Qg3 Na6 16.Rfe1 a4 17.c4 Nf4 18.Nd4 Rad8 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Bxf4 Rxf4 21.Qh3 g6 22.Qxe6+ Kg7 23.Bf1 Rf5 Chapter 8 - 3.Nd2 c5-4. Ngf3 2023]

[9.Bd3 Qb6 10.c3 Nc6 11.0-0 Nxd4 12.cxd4 Bd6 13.a4 a6 14.a5 Qd8 15.Qb3 0-0 16.Be4 Bd7 17.Bg5 Qb8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bd2 Bc6 20.Ne5 Ne7 21.Bb1 Nf5 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Bf4 Bxe5 1-0 Mamedov,R (2651)-Volkov,S (2440) Chess.com Classic Play In rapid 2024 (6)]

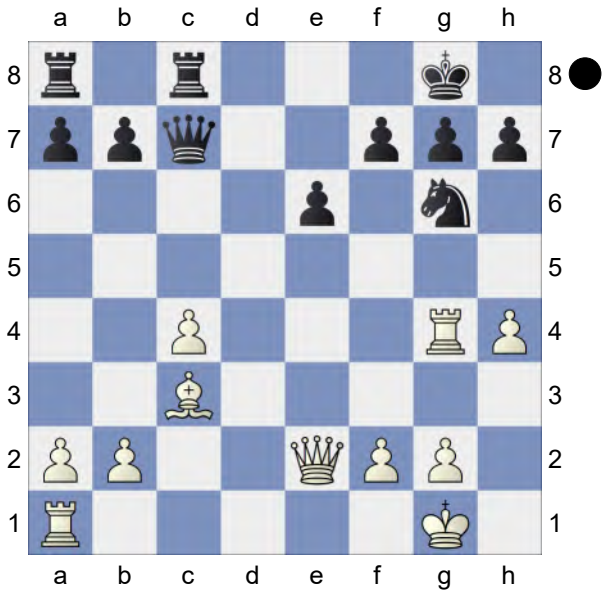
9...Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2 Bxd4 13.Nxd4 Qb6 Wards off c2-c4 **14.Nb3 Rfc8 15.c4 Ne7 16.Bc3 Nf5 17.Rfd1 Qc7 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.Rxd4 Nf8 20.Rg4 Ng6 21.h4**

(Diagram)

And now h4-h5 would win. White is more active. **21...Qc5** 1.72/22

[Better is 21...h5± 0.57/21 22.Re4 Qc5]

22.Rg3↑ h4-h5 is the strong threat.



White is on the roll. **22...e5** 3.12/21

[22...Nxh4? 23.Rxg7+ *(23.Bxg7 Ng6+-)* 23...Kf8 24.Re1+- *(24.Rxh7 Qg5+-)*]

[22...h5 1.72/23 keeps fighting. 23.b3 a5]

23.h5 Nf4 24.Qg4

[24.Qxe5? loses. Qxe5 *(24...Qxc4 25.Qxg7#)* 25.Bxe5 Ne2+ *(25...Rxc4?* is the wrong capture. *26.Rxg7+ Kf8 27.Rxh7+-)* 26.Kh2 Nxg3 27.Kxg3 Rc5-+ *(27...Rxc4? 28.h6-+)*]

24...g6 25.Re1 f6 4.84/21

[25...Re8 2.65/22 26.hxg6 hxg6]

26.hxg6 White is clearly winning.

26...hxg6 8.71/21

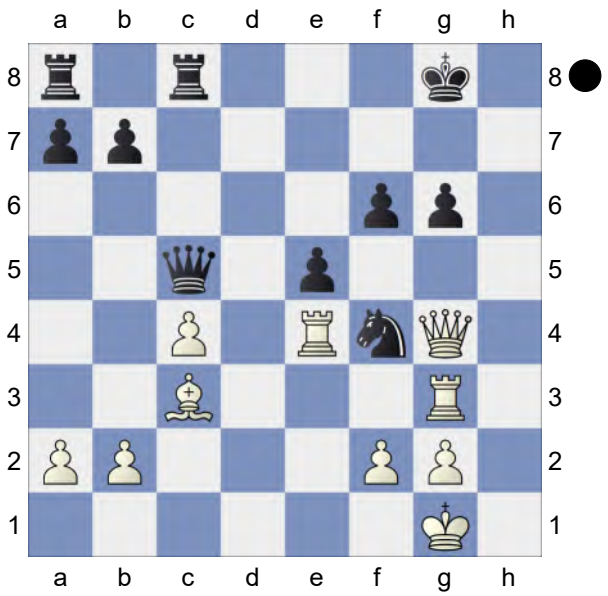
[⌓26...h6 4.93/22 27.Qh4 Rc7 28.Qxf6 Rf8 29.Qxe5 Qxe5 30.Rxe5 Rfc8]

27.Re4

(Diagram)

White threatens Re4xf4 and mate.

27...Kf8 28.Qh4 g5 29.Qh6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.04



(flawless) /Black=0.44
1-0

C09
☐ **Ma,Qun** **2659**
■ **Xu,Xiangyu** **2578**
CHN-chT Nanjing (5.1) 18.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Qe7+!** is now more promising than 6...Bd6. im Vergleich zu 6...Ld6 vielversprechender. **7.Be2 Qc7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1 Be6** White is slightly better. **10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.c3**
[12.Nfd4 seems wilder. 0-0 13.Bg5 Ne4 14.Be3]
12...0-0 The position is equal. **13.Nbd4 Bg4**
[13...Rae8 14.h3 Ne4 15.Bd3 Bc8 16.Be3 a6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Bxb6 Qxb6 19.Qc2 h6 20.c4 Bf5 21.Re2 Re6 22.Rae1 Rfe8 23.Kf1 a5 24.c5 Qb8 25.Kg1 Bh7 26.Nd4 Rg6 27.f3 f5 28.Nxf5 1-0 Shuvalova,P (2455)-Kashlinskaya,A (2468) Swiss Queens Wed #8 blitz 2024 (6)]
14.Be3N
[Vorgänger: 14.Bg5 Threatens to win with Bg5xf6. Ne4 15.Bh4 -0.64/21 *(15.Be3=* 0.12/20 *)* 15...Rfe8 16.Bg3 Nxg3 17.hxg3 Re7 18.Nxc6 -0.53/16 *(18.Qd2=* -0.15/13 *)* 18...bxc6∓ 19.Nd4 -0.80/21 *(19.Qd2∓* -0.42/23 *)* 19...Bxe2 -0.06/23 *(19...Rae8∓* -0.80/21 Hoping for ...Bb6xd4. *20.Qd2 Bxe2 21.Nxe2 g6)* 20.Rxe2= Bxd4 21.cxd4 1-0 (77) Yuan,Q (2373)-Shuvalov,E (2149) Chess.com INT 2023 Rae8 22.Rxe7 Qxe7 23.Rc1 Qb4 24.b3 h6 25.Qc2 Qxd4 26.Qxc6 Re6 27.Qc8+ Kh7 28.Qc2+ g6 29.Rd1 Qe5 30.Qc5 Ra6 31.a4 Qe2 32.Qxd5 Rf6 33.Rf1 h5 34.Qd4 Rb6 35.a5 Rxb3 36.Qxa7 1-0 Karjakin,S (2373)-Statter (2149) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (5)]
14...Rfe8 15.Nb5 Qd8 16.Nbd4 Qc7 17.Nb5 Qd8 18.Nbd4 Qc7 19.Nb5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

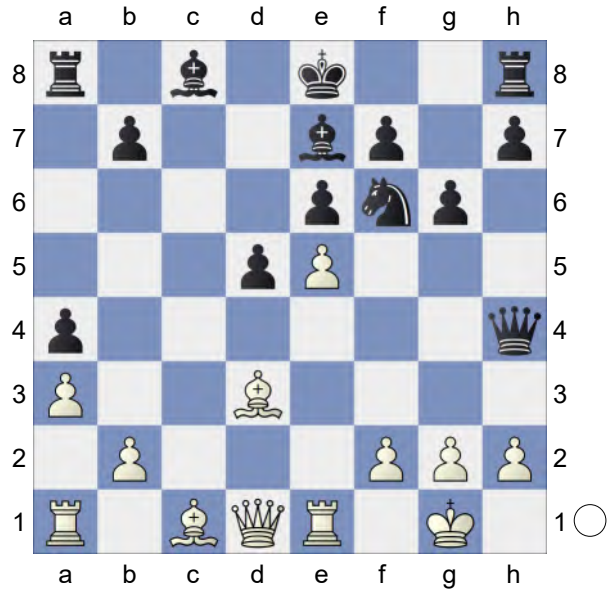
C06
☐ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2646**
■ **Salgado Lopez,Ivan** **2591**
MrDodgy Online Inv Gp-A 3rd blitz (6)
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 a5 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 c5 6.e5 Nfd7 7.c3 Nc6 8.a3!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **8...a4 9.0-0 Qb6** 0.53/20

[9...g5!= 0.14/23 is more appropriate.]

10.Re1± White is slightly better. **10...Be7 11.h4N** -0.06/24

[Predecessor: 11.Nf1 -0.18/20 11.Nd2-b1 0.52 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Ng3! Qh4 0.00/24 *(14...b6∓ -0.76/20* Threatens to win with ...Bc8-a6! *15.Be3 Qxb2)* 15.Nh5 And now g2-g3! would win. g6 16.Nf6+ -0.38/23 *(16.Nf4= 0.00/22* might be stronger. *Bc5 17.g3)* 16...Nxf6? 1.46/24 *(16...Bxf6∓ -0.38/23* keeps the upper hand. *17.exf6 0-0)*



17.exf6? -0.67/22 *(* Only move: *17.g3!± 1.46/24 Qh3 18.exf6)* 17...Bxf6 -0.27/21 0-1 (40) Lagno,K (2559)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2792) Moscow 2021 *(17...Qxf6∓ -0.67/22* is superior. *18.Bb5+ Kf8)* 18.Bb5+ Kf8 19.g3 Qh3 20.Bf1 Qh5 21.Be2 Qe5 22.Bb5 Qd6 23.Bh6+ Kg8 24.Qc2 Bd7 25.Bf4 e5 26.Bxd7 exf4 27.Bxa4 Kg7 28.Rad1 fxg3 29.hxg3 h5 30.Bb3 d4 31.Qc4 Raf8 32.Qd5 Qb8 0-1 Musielak,M (2559)-Panov Botvinnik Attack (2792) Togliatti 82/111 2001 (8)]

[White should play 11.Nb1± 0.60/26]

11...h6 12.h5 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 -0.83/22

[14.b4= 0.25/22 keeps the balance.]

14...Qxd4∓ 15.Nf3 Qg4 16.Bd2 0-0 17.Rc1 Dodges Nd7-c5 **17...Nc5 18.Bb1** Rc1xc5! is the strong threat. **18...Ne4** -0.24/22

[18...Qxh5 19.Rxc5 Bxc5 20.Qc2±]

[18...Bd7∓ -0.62/26]

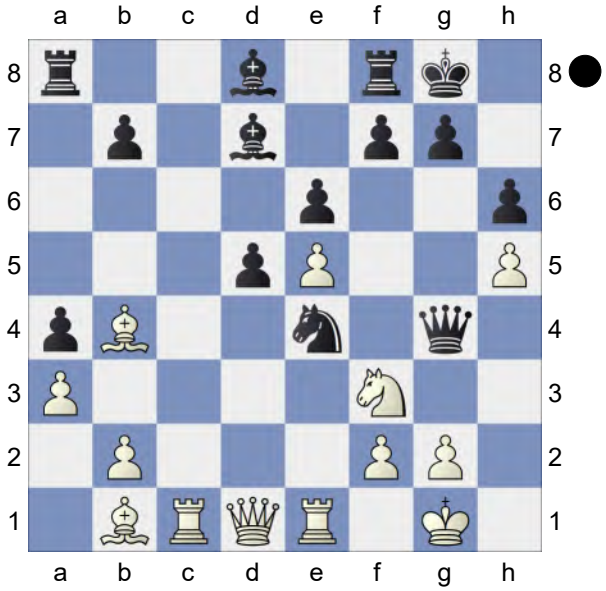
19.Rc7= Bd8 20.Rc1 -0.76/24

[20.Rc4= -0.02/26 b5 *(20...dxc4? 21.Rxe4 Qxh5 22.Bb4+-; 20...Qxh5 21.Bb4∓)* 21.Rcxe4 dxe4 22.Bxe4]

20...Bd7

[20...Nxd2!? 21.Qxd2 Ba5∓ *(21...Qxh5 22.Qb4∓)*]

21.Bb4



Bb6! 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Nd2 -1.14/25

[23.Rc4∓ -0.55/23 Rfd8 24.Rexe4 Qxh5 25.Rh4 *(25.Be7 Bb5∓)*]

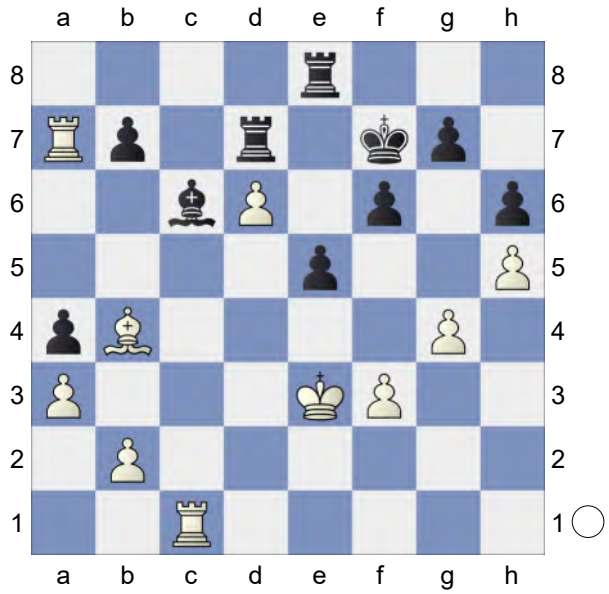
23...Qxd1 0.06/27

[Black should try 23...Qf5∓ -1.14/25 24.Nxe4 *(24.Rxe4?* is the wrong capture. *Rac8-+)* 24...Rfd8]

24.Rcxd1 -0.34/26

[24.Rexd1= 0.06/27 Rfd8 25.Nc4]

24...Rfd8
[24...e3!? 25.fxe3 Rfc8∓]
25.Nxe4 Hoping for Bb4-e7. **25...Bc6** ...Rd8xd1 would now be deadly. **26.Nd6 Bc7** A strong pair of Bishops. **27.Re3 Bxd6** 0.21/23
[⌓27...Rd7 -0.27/22]
28.exd6 Rd7 29.f3 Re8 30.Kf2 f6 31.Rc3 Kf7 32.Rc5 e5 33.Ra5 Ke6 34.Ra7 Rc8 35.Rc1 Rg8 36.g4 Re8 37.Ke3 Kf7? 6.20/26
[37...Rf7= 0.00/28]



38.Rxc6! Pin. Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.38
1-0

C06
□ **So,Wesley** **2761**
■ **Terry,Renato** **2520**
Armageddon Americas Win blitz (2)
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 c5 6.e5 Nfd7 7.c3 Nc6 8.0-0 a5 9.a4!** now scores much better than the old 9. Re1. punktet besser als das ältere 9. Te1. **9...Qb6 10.dxc5 Qc7N**
[10...Nxc5 11.Bc2 Bd7 12.Re1 *(12.Nb3 Nxb3 13.Bxb3 0-0-0 14.Bc2 f6 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Be3 Bc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Qb4 20.b3 Kb8 21.Re1 Rc8 22.Rc1 Rc3 23.Re3 Rhc8 24.Rxc3 Qxc3 25.h3 Be8 26.Kh2 Bg6* 0-1 12.♗g1 d5 13e5 ♘e4 14. ♗ (2161)-7.0-0 e5 8. d5 ♘b8_56896 (2391) 94/132 San Luis 2005 (1)*)* 12...Qa6 13.Nf1 0-0 14.Ng3 Rfe8 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Ne7 17.Nh5 Qc4 18.Nxg7 Ng6 19.Nh5 1-0 Feys,B (2617)-A5,A (2516) 61/550 Tilburg 1994 (8)]
11.Nb3 White is slightly better. **11...Nxc5** 1.25/21
[⌓11...Ndxe5 0.76/24 12.Nxe5 Qxe5]
12.Nxc5± Bxc5 13.Re1N
[Predecessor: 13.Qe2 0.75/23 13.Rf1-e1 1.25 h6 14.Be3 b6 15.Nd4 Nd4xc6 is the strong threat. 0-0 16.f4 *(16.Nxc6!? Bxe3 17.fxe3 Qxc6 18.Rf4=)* 16...f6 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.Bd4 Ra7 1.04/20 *(18...fxe5±* 0.57/23 is superior. *19.Qxe5 Rf7)* 19.Bb5 0.51/20 0-1 (51) Vujacic,B (2244)-Jacimovic,D (2397) Belgrade 2017 *(*Better is *19.Kh1±* 1.04/20 *)*]
13...h6 14.Be3 b6 15.Qd2 0.80/21
[⌓15.Nd4! 1.56/21 Nd4xc6 would now be deadly. Nxd4 16.cxd4]
15...Ba6± 16.Bc2 Rc8 17.h4 Qe7 18.h5 Rd8 19.Rad1 Qc7 20.Bb1 Qe7 21.Qc1 Bc4 22.Qc2 Qc7 23.Bf4 Qe7 1.80/24
[23...Rc8± 1.26/20]
24.b3 Ba6 25.Nd4 0.70/23
[25.Bg3± 1.55/19]
25...Rc8 1.24/21

[Black should try 25...Bxd4!± 0.70/23 26.cxd4 Kd7]

26.Nb5 White is more active. **26...Bxb5** 1.91/21

[26...Qh4± 1.21/22 27.Be3 Qxh5]

27.axb5+- Nb8 Black is weak on the light squares **28.Qd3 Nd7 29.Qg3** Dodges Qe7-h4 **29...Kf8** 2.64/22

[29...0-0 1.93/18 was called for.]

30.Rd3 Rc7 31.Red1 Rb7 32.c4 d4 33.Qf3 Rb8 34.Qg3 Rd8 35.Bc1 Kg8 3.71/19

[⌓35...f5 2.31/21 36.f4 Kf7]

36.Bb2 Qg5 37.Qxg5 hxg5 38.Bxd4 Rf8 3.98/22

[⌓38...Re8 2.82/25 39.Bb2 Nf8]

39.Bc3 Nb8 40.g4 g6 41.Rd8 2.04/24

[41.hxg6 fxg6 42.Be1 Rh4+-]

[⌓41.Bd2 3.54/22 f5 42.Bxg5 *(42.hxg6 f4+-; 42.exf6 gxh5 43.f7+ Kxf7+-)* 42...fxg4 43.Rd8 *(43.hxg6 Rxf2+-)* 43...Rxh5 44.Bf6 *(44.Bxg6? Rxg5 45.Rxf8+ Kxf8-+)*]

41...Kg7 42.Rxf8 Rxf8 43.hxg6 0.75/20

[43.Be4+- 1.99/22 and White stays clearly on top.]

43...fxg6± 44.Rd2 Threatens to win with Kg1-g2. **44...Rf4**

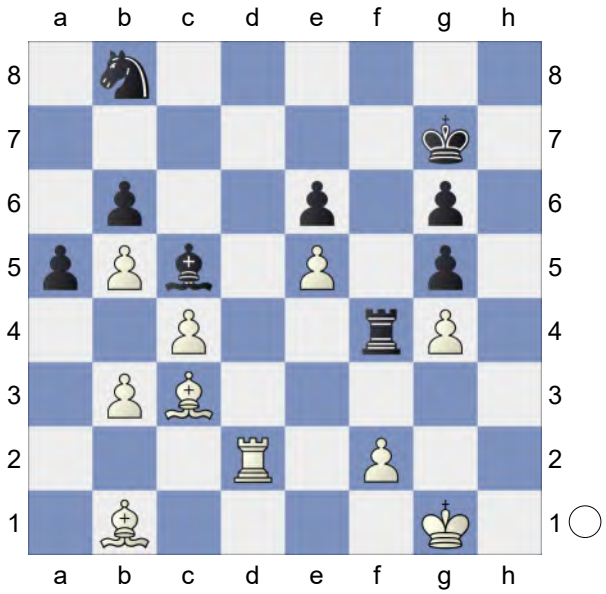
(Diagram)

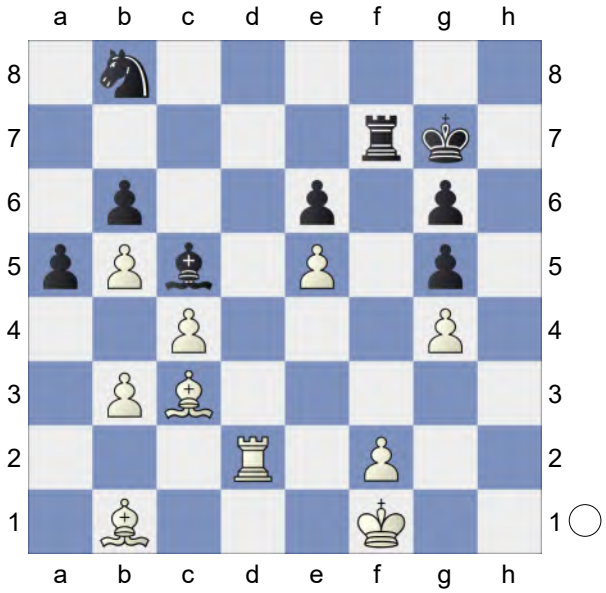
45.Kf1!↑ Keeping Black busy.

[Weaker is 45.Rd8 Rxf2 46.b4 *(46.Rxb8? Rf8+* Discovered Attack (Check) *47.Kg2 Rxb8-+)* 46...axb4 *(46...Bxb4?* perishes. *47.Kxf2 Bxc3 48.Rxb8+-)* 47.Bxb4 Rd2+ 48.Bxc5 Rxd8∓]

45...Rf7? 3.50/23

[45...Kh6± 1.38/23 is a better defense. 46.Kg2 a4]





This costs Black the game. **46.Be4!+- Nd7 47.f3?** 1.66/20

[47.Bc6 4.35/25 Nb8 48.Rd8]

47...Bb4? 4.39/26

[47...Bf8 1.66/20]

48.Bxb4 Remove Defender. White is clearly winning. **48...axb4** Endgame. KRB-KRN **49.Rd6 Nc5 50.Ke2 Nxb3 51.Rxb6 Ra7 52.Ra6**

[52.Rxe6? Nd4+ 53.Kd3 Nxe6-+]

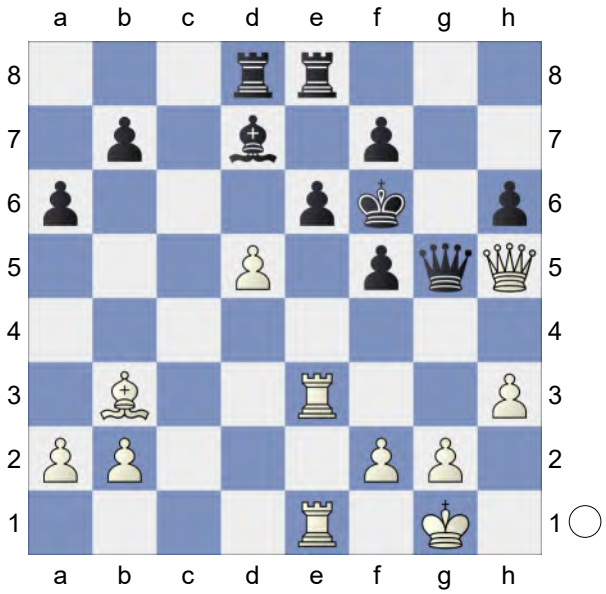
52...Rd7 53.b6

[53.Rxe6? too greedy. Nd4+ 54.Kd2 Nxe6+-+ Discovered Attack (Check)]

53...Kf8 54.b7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.46
1-0

C07
□ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2578**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2659**
Wch Rapid Almaty (10) 28.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 a6** The position is equal. **9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qc7** Repels Bc1-f4 **11.Bd3 Bd6 12.h3 Nf6 13.Bg5** -0.12/25
[13.Re1 0.25/21 might be stronger. Bd7 14.Qf3 0-0-0 15.Be3 Bc5 16.b4 Bxd4 17.Bxd4 Bc6 18.Qe3 Nd5 19.Qe5 Qxe5 20.Bxe5 Nxb4 21.Be4 f6 22.Bc3 Bxe4 23.Bxb4 Rd4 24.c3 Rc4 25.a4 Rd8 26.Rad1 Bd5 27.a5 Kd7 28.Rd4 ½-½ Martinez Piqueras,C (2126)-Huerga Leache,M (2424) Roquetas de Mar op 35th 2024 (6)]
13...Bh2+N
[13...Be5 14.c3 h6 15.Bh4 Bd7 16.Re1 0-0-0 17.Qf3 Bxd4 18.cxd4 Bc6 19.Qe2 Rxd4 20.Bg3 Qa5 21.Rac1 Qd5 22.Rxc6+ bxc6 23.Bxa6+ Kd7 24.Rc1 Ke7 25.Bb7 Ne4 26.Bxc6 Nxg3 27.fxg3 Qxa2 28.Qe5 ½-½ 10.Ba3 b6 11.ba5 Nh5 (2781)-Deslandes,P (2808) Carl Schlechter mem 1996 (4)]
14.Kh1 Be5 15.c3 h6 16.Bh4 Bd7 17.Qe2 0-0 18.Nf3 Bf4 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rad1
[20.g3!? Bd6□ 21.Nd4=]
20...Rad8 21.Rfe1 -0.36/23
[21.g3= 0.00/23 Bd6 22.Nd4]
21...f5∓ 22.Nd4 Bg5 23.Qh5 Kg7 24.Kg1 -0.74/23
[24.Bc2= -0.08/20 keeps the balance.]
24...Rh8 -0.08/18
[24...Ba4∓ -0.74/23 25.Rb1 Rd5]
25.Bc2= Bf6 26.Bb3 Nd4xf5+! would now be deadly. **26...Bxd4** 1.17/22
[26...Bc8= -0.15/20]
27.cxd4±
[But not 27.Rxd4 Rdg8±]
27...Qf4 28.d5 0.93/20 Prevents Bd7-c6
[⌓28.Rd3 1.29/26]
28...Rhe8? 3.26/24
[28...Qg5± 0.93/20 29.Qf3 Rhe8 30.dxe6 Bc6 31.Qc3+ *(31.Bd5 Bxd5 32.Rxd5 Rxd5±)* 31...Kh7]
29.Re3!+- Hoping for Re3-f3.
[29.dxe6 Bxe6 30.Rxd8 Rxd8±]
29...Kf6 30.Rde1? 0.59/21
[30.h4!+- 2.95/21 Re3-f3 is the strong threat. Qg4 31.Qxh6+ Qg6 32.Qxg6+ Deflection fxg6 33.dxe6]
30...Qg5 2.01/23
[30...exd5!± 0.59/21 31.Bxd5 Be6 32.Bxe6 *(32.Bxb7 Rd2±)* 32...Rxe6]



31.Qe2 0.76/25

[31.Qd1!+- 2.01/23 And now Qd1-d4+ would win. e5 32.Rg3]

31...f4 32.h4 0.12/21

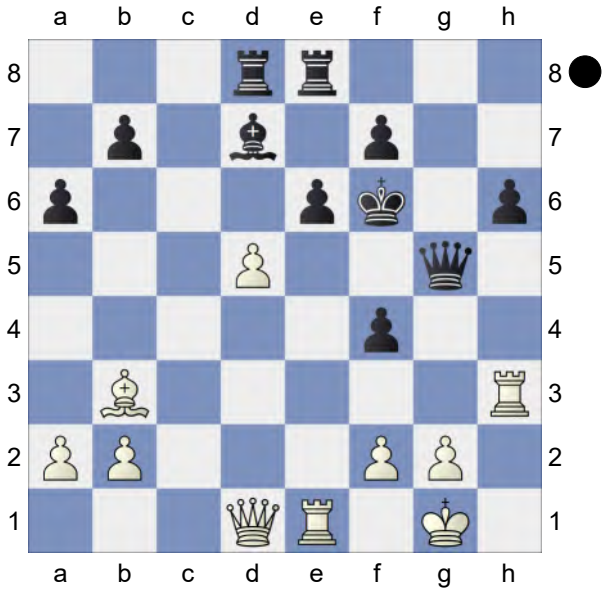
[32.Qf3± 0.91/24 Strongly threatening Re3-e5! e5 33.Rc3]

32...Qxh4= 33.Rh3 -0.36/20

[33.Re4= 0.17/25 Kg7 34.dxe6 Bxe6 35.Bxe6 Rxe6 36.Rxe6 fxe6 37.Qxe6]

33...Qg5∓ 34.Qd1 -1.36/22

[34.dxe6∓ -0.43/24 Bxe6 35.Bxe6]



Black keeps a firm grip on the game.

34...e5!→ Black has strong attack.

35.Rh5 -3.57/25

[35.Rc3∓ -1.16/19]

35...Bg4!-+ Double Attack **36.Rxh6+** -6.07/22

[36.Rxg5 -3.63/18 Bxd1 37.Rg3]

36...Kg7 Black is clearly winning. **37.f3 Qxh6 38.fxg4 Qb6+ 39.Kf1 Rh8** (→ ...Rh8-h1+) **40.Qf3 Rh1+ 41.Ke2 Qb5+ 42.Kf2 Qc5+ 43.Ke2 Rxe1+ 44.Kxe1** KQR-KQB **44...Qc1+ 45.Bd1 Qxb2** White must now prevent ...Rd8-h8! **46.g5 Qb4+ 47.Kf1 Qc4+ 48.Be2 Qc1+ 49.Bd1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/Black=0.49

0-1

C07

□ **Kovalev,Vladislav** **2648**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**

EU-Cup Online Gr-F rapid (3.1) 27.03.21

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qe2 e5 10.c4 d4** The position is equal. **11.0-0 Ne7 12.f4**

[12.c5 Bxc5 13.Nc4 Ng6 14.Qh5 Qe7 15.g3 0-0 16.Bd2 Bb4 17.Bc1 Rab8 18.a3 Bd6 19.b4 c5 20.f4 f6 21.Bd2 Bc7 22.Rf2 Bc6 23.f5 Nh8 24.Rc1 Nf7 25.Na5 Bxa5 26.Rxc5 Bxe4 0-1 Kanli,A (2492)-Schmoyer,C (2483) 47/(209) Vrnjacka Banja 1989 (4.6)]

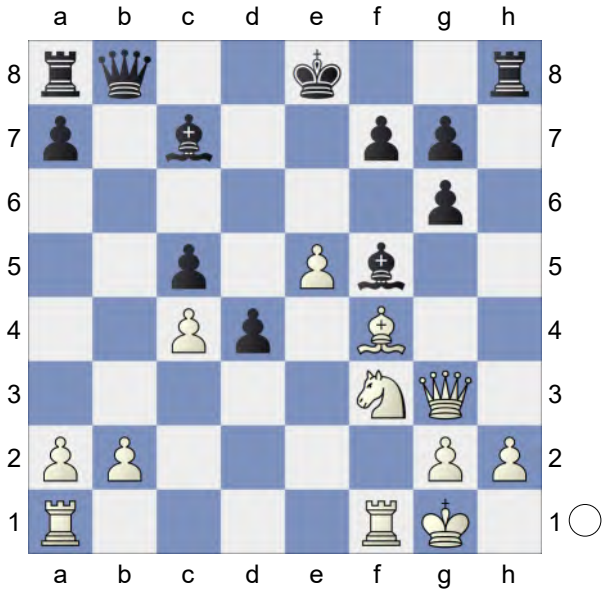
12...exf4N 0.92/21

[12...c5= -0.25/21 keeps the balance. 13.b4 cxb4 14.a3 Nc6 15.Nb3 bxa3 16.c5 Bc7 17.f5 f6 18.Bc4 Kf8 19.Rxa3 a5 20.Nd2 Qe7 21.Kh1 Be8 22.Rg3 Bf7 23.Bd5 Qd7 24.Qg4 Rg8 25.Be6 Qe7 26.Nc4 h5 27.Qh3 Qxc5 1-0 Movsesian,S (2619)-Ozen,D (2397) EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen 2022 (4.5)]

[12...Ng6 13.f5 Nf8 14.Nf3 f6 15.Nh4 c5 16.Qh5+ Ke7 17.Qg4 Rg8 18.Bd2 Rb8 19.b3 Be8 20.Rac1 Bf7 21.Qd1 Nd7 22.Qc2 Nb6 23.b4 Nd7 24.b5 Bc7 25.Rb1 Ba5 26.Nf3 Bxd2 27.Qxd2 1-0 Ulasevich,S (2236)-Baum,J (2420) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2022 (17)]

13.e5!↑ White has strong initiative.

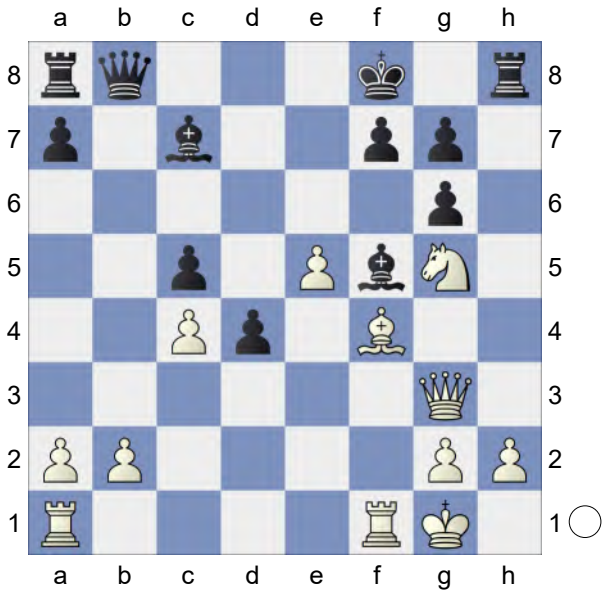
13...Bc7 14.Nf3 -0.10/20
[14.Rxf4 Ng6 15.Nf3 Nxf4 16.Bxf4 Qe7∓]
[14.Ne4± 0.96/24]
14...Ng6= 15.Bxg6
[15.Nxd4? Bb6 16.Qe4 Be6 17.Qxc6+ *(17.c5? Bd5-+)* 17...Kf8-+]
15...hxg6 16.Bxf4 Bf5 Inhibits Qe2-e4.
17.Qf2 c5 0.35/22
[17...d3= -0.10/20]
18.Qg3 -0.03/19
[18.Ng5± 0.35/22 should be considered.]
18...Qb8? 2.22/20
[18...Rc8= -0.03/19]

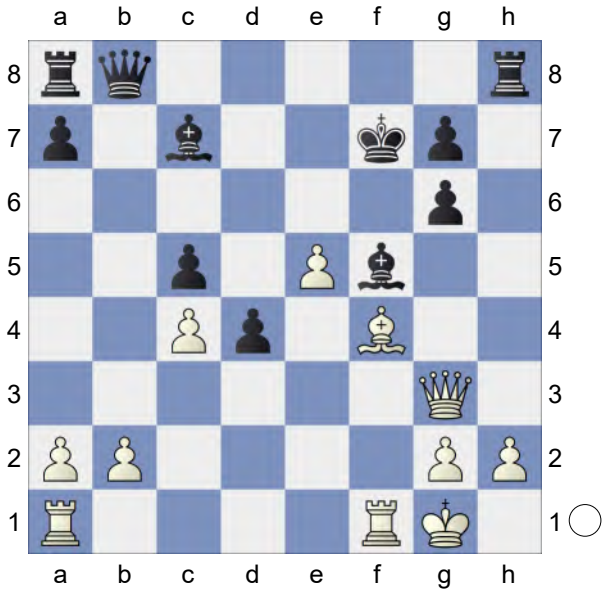


19.Ng5!+- Kf8 3.44/21
[19...Qxb2 2.10/19 keeps fighting. 20.Qf3 *(20.e6 Bxf4 21.exf7+ Kd7±)* 20...0-0-0 *(20...0-0? 21.g4+-)*]

(Diagram)

20.Nxf7! Remove Defender, Decoy
20...Kxf7
[20...Rh5 21.e6]

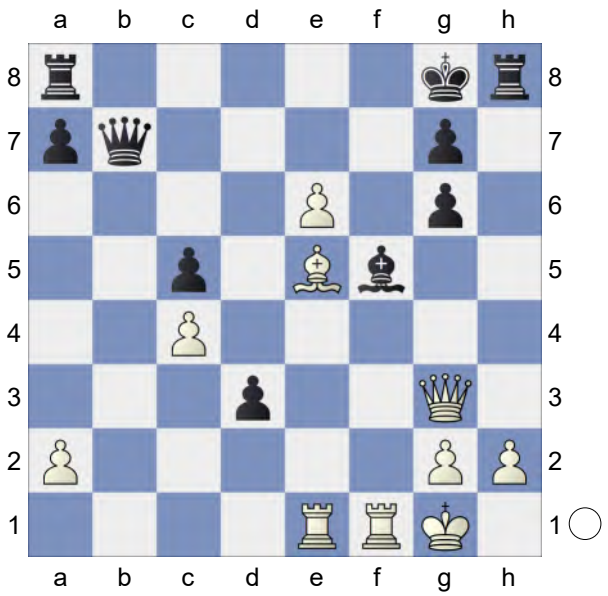




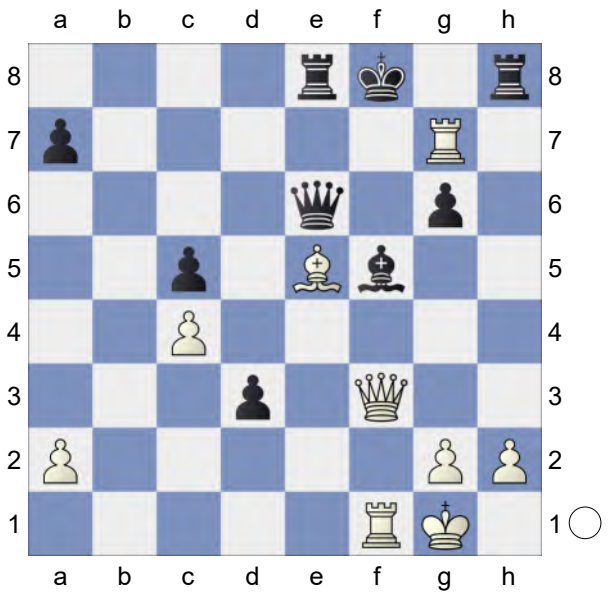
21.e6+! Discovered Attack **21...Kg8 22.Bxc7 Qxb2 23.Rae1 d3 24.Be5** Wards off Qb2-d4+ **24...Qb7**

(Diagram)

25.Rb1? 0.76/21 Black is weak on the dark squares
[25.Bd6!+- 2.41/19 and the rest is easy.]
25...Qe7± 26.Qf3 Hoping for Rb1-b7! Chess con chili. White has more active

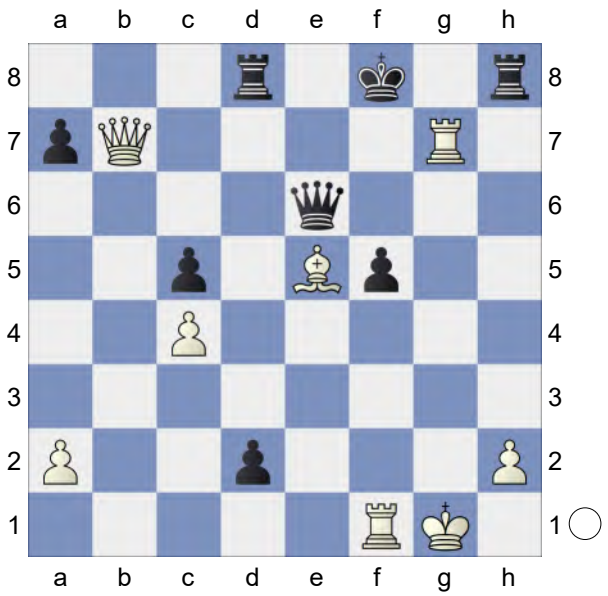


pieces. **26...Re8?** 8.09/24
[26...Rd8± 1.02/22]
27.Rb7+- Skewer **27...Qxe6 28.Rxg7+**
[28.Bxg7 Rh7 29.Bc3 Qe4 *(29...Qxc4 30.Rxh7 Qxc3 31.Rxa7±; 29...Rxb7 30.Qxb7 Qe3+ 31.Kh1=)* 30.Rxh7 Kxh7=]
28...Kf8



29.Qb7! Rd8 30.g4 Pin **30...d2 31.gxf5 gxf5**

(Diagram)



32.Rxf5+!! Ke8 33.Qb5+ Rd7 34.Qb8+ Rd8 35.Qb5+
[35.Qxa7 g e t s m a t e d . d1R+ *(35...d1B 36.Rf6; 35...d1Q+ 36.Rf1)* 36.Rf1 Rxf1+ *(36...Qxe5 37.Qf7#)* 37.Kxf1 Qf5+ *(37...Qxe5 38.Qf7#)* 38.Kg1 Rd1+ *(38...Qxe5 39.Qf7#)* 39.Kg2 Rd2+ *(39...Qxe5 40.Qa4+ Kf8 41.Qxd1-+; 39...Qe4+ 40.Kg3 Rd3+ 41.Kf2 Rd2+ 42.Kg3 Rg2#)* 40.Kh1 Qf3+ 41.Kg1 Qd1#]
35...Rd7 36.Qxd7+ 4.82/5
[⌓36.Rf1 9.74/25]
36...Qxd7 37.Rxd7 Discovered Attack
37...Kxd7 Endgame. KRB-KR **38.Rf1**
[38.Bxh8? loses. d1Q+ *(38...d1R+? perishes. 39.Kg2+-)* 39.Rf1 Qg4+ 40.Kh1 Qh3-+ *(40...Qxc4? 41.Rd1+ Kc6 42.Rg1-+)*]
38...Rh4 White is clearly winning.
39.Rd1 Rxc4 Threatens to win with ... Rc4-c1. **40.Rxd2+ Ke6 41.Re2 Ra4 42.Kg2 c4 43.Kf3 Kf5 44.Bc3** aiming for Re2-e5+. **44...Ra3 45.Rc2 Ra6 46.Ke3 Rd6 47.Rf2+ Kg4 48.Rd2 Rc6 49.Kd4 Kh3 50.Re2 Rc7 51.Kd5 Rc8 52.Be5** Weighted Error Value:

White=0.65/Black=0.44
1-0

C03
□ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2559**
■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2792**
Moscow Smyslov Region Group Cup blit..
[John Watson,Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 a5** Considering Nepomniachtchi's overwhelming record with this move, it's surprising that more players haven't tried it out. **4.Ngf3** A couple of interesting alternatives:

[a) 4.h4 imitates Black's action on the queenside by gaining space on the other wing. A high-level example went a4 5.a3 *(5.h5 c5)* 5...c5

A) 6.c3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nc6 8.Ngf3 Qa5!? 9.Bd3 *(9.e5 b6* with the idea ..Ba6*)* 9...dxe4 10.Bxe4 Nf6 11.Bd3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nc4 Qc7=;

B) 6.Ngf3

B1) 6...Nf6 7.exd5 *(7.e5 Ng4!* 4 , exploiting a drawback of h4*)* 7...exd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 10.0-0 Be7=;

B2) 6...Nc6 7.Bb5 Qb6? *(7...Qa5=; 7...cxd4 8.0-0 Nf6=)* 8.c4 *(*or *8.Qe2!±* , when exd5 is a threat and *dxe4 9.Nxe4)* 8...dxc4 9.Bxa4 Qa6 10.Bxc6+ Qxc6 *(10...bxc6 11.0-0±)* 11.0-0 *(11.Qe2 b5 12.d5!±)* 11...cxd4 12.Nxd4 Qc5 13.N2f3 e5 14.b4 *(14.Nf5±)* 14...cxb3 15.Nxb3 Qc7 16.Bb2 *(16.Be3!)* 16...f6 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Qe2 Qa6 19.Qe3 *(19.Qxa6 bxa6 20.Rc7±)* 19...Nh6 20.Rfd1 Ng4 21.Qd2 Be6 22.Nc5 Bxc5 23.Rxc5 0-0= Jumabayev,R (2654)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess.com INT 2020]

[b) The main alternative has been 4.c3 . After a4

A) I gave the following in the notes to Ganguly-Nepomniachtchi in the Archives: 5.Bd3 c5 6.Ne2 Nc6 7.Nf3!? dxe4 8.Bxe4 Nf6 9.Bc2 cxd4 10.Nexd4 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Bd7= *(11...a3 12.b3 Qc7∞)* 12.0-0 Bc5 13.Bg5 Qb6 14.Qf3 *(14.Rb1)* 14...Bxd4! 15.cxd4 Bc6 *(15...Nd5=)* 16.Qc3?! *(16.Qa3! Qb5=)* 16...Nd5 17.Qg3 Qxb2 18.Be4 Qxd4∓ Nguyen,K (2118)-Duijker,R (2256) Leiden 2014;

B) 5.Ngf3 , Black can play slowly or try the immediate

B1) The solid 5...Be7 is probably better, as Nepo played against Vachier LaGrave: 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bd3 dxe4?! *(*slow. Better *7...c5!)* 8.Nxe4 Nf6 9.Ne5! Nc6 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.0-0 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Bf6 13.Re1 0-0 14.Bf4± Vachier Lagrave,M (2745)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2721) Beijing 2013. Nepo even won this game.;

B2) 5...c5!? , which is awfully loose 6.Bd3 *(6.Ne5* is dangerous, when Black has to deal with Bb5+ one idea is *Ra5!?* , when the engine suggests *7.b4 cxb4 8.cxb4 Bxb4 9.Rb1)*

B2a) 6...Nc6 7.exd5 exd5 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1+ Be7 10.Nf1 *(10.dxc5 0-0 11.b4 axb3 12.Nxb3 Bg4 13.h3*

Bh5 14.Be3±) 10...0-0 11.Ng3 Re8 12.h3 h5? *(*It's a blitz game! *12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Bf8=)* 13.Bg5! cxd4 14.cxd4!? *(14.Rxe7! Qxe7 15.Nxh5* with a very strong attack *)* 14...Be6 15.Nf5? *(15.Rc1)* 15...Bxf5 16.Bxf5 Ne4 17.Bxe7 Qxe7= Rodchenkov, S (2346)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess.com INT 2020;

B2b) 6...Nf6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 Be7 9.dxc5 *(9.Re1)* 9...Bxc5 10.Qe2 *(10.Qc2)* 10...0-0 11.e5 Nd7 12.c4 *(12.Re1)* 12...f6?! *(12...Be7=)* 13.b4! Ba7 *(13...axb3 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.Nxb3 Ba7 16.Bb2±)* 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.Bb2 Bd7 16.b5 Na5 17.Ng5 with a very strong attack, Schroeder,J (2543)-Cordova,E (2655) Moscow 2017]

[I look at 4.Bd3 in the notes to Ganguly-Nepomniachtchi in the Archives. There's more to be investigated here.]

4...a4 5.a3 A safe move, preventing ...a3.

[I look at 5.Bd3 in the notes to Ganguly-Nepomniachtchi in the Archives.]

5...Nf6

[5...c5 is the main option.]

6.Bd3

[6.e5 Nfd7 7.Bd3 c5 8.c3 Nc6! transposes to the game.]

6...c5 7.e5

[Ganguly-Nepomniachtchi in the Archives was a wild game. Here are a few notes: 7.dxc5 -0.01/23 7.c2-c3 0.63

A) 7...dxe4! 8.Nxe4 *(8.Bxe4 Na6!)* 8...Nxe4 9.Bxe4 Qxd1+ 10.Kxd1 Bxc5 11.Ke2 Nd7=;

B) 7...Bxc5 8.Qe2 0-0 9.e5!? *(9.0-0=)* 9...Nfd7 10.h4?! -0.70/23 *(10.0-0; 10.0-0=* -0.11/22 *)*

B1) or 10...f6! , since. Hoping for ...f6xe5. 11.Bxh7+? -3.00/17 *(11.b4∓* -0.69/23 *axb3 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Nxb3)* 11...Kxh7-+ 12.Ng5+ fxg5 13.hxg5+ Kg8 14.Qh5 loses after. White threatens g5-g6 and mate. Nxe5;

B2) 10...f6∓ -0.70/23 11.exf6 Nxf6;

B3) 10...h6 -0.30/21 11.g4?! Overambitious. White should develop. f6 *(11...Nc6* is also good, since *12.g5 h5 13.Nf1! g6* defends well.*)* 12.exf6 -0.93/20 *(12.g5=* -0.12/20 *)* 12...Nxf6∓ 13.Ne5 -2.11/22 *(13.Rg1 e5! 14.g5 Ng4!; 13.Rg1∓* -1.27/20 *e5 14.g5 hxg5 15.hxg5)* 13...Nc6 14.Nxc6 -2.38/20 *(14.f4∓* -1.28/21 *Nxe5 15.fxe5)* 14...bxc6-+ 15.g5 e5! 16.gxf6 Qxf6 Threatens to win with ...e5-e4! 17.f3

B3a) 17...e4! 18.fxe4 *(18.Bxe4?* -4.04/22 18.f3xe4 -1.76 *Ra7!-+)* 18...Qg6 19.Nf1 Prevents Qg6-g3+. Bc1-e3 is the strong threat. Rf2-+;

B3b) 17...e4!-+ -2.52/20 18.Bxe4 Qf7;

B3c) 17...Bd7!? -0.44/20 18.Kd1 -1.89/21 *(18.Ne4!∓* -0.44/20 *dxe4 19.Qxe4)* 18...Rae8-+ 19.c3 -2.38/19

(⌓19.Rh2 -1.84/21 Qd6 20.b4 axb3 21.Rg2) 19...e4!-+ 20.fxe4 Ganguly,S (2668) -Nepomniachtchi,I (2767) Doha 2016, and here Qd6! was extremely strong, with the idea ...Rf2, when 21.Qh2 Re5 22.Re1 dxe4 wins.]

7...Nfd7 8.c3 White is slightly better.

8...Nc6 9.0-0 Qb6!? 0.54/20

[As mentioned in Ganguly-Nepomniachtchi, 9...g5! is the ambitious alternative.]

[and 9...Be7 0.55/22 9...g7-g5 0.13 also needs tests.]

[9...g5!= 0.07/23]

10.Re1± Be7

[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Nf3 gives White a lot of compensation. Black hopes for a better version of this.]

11.Nf1N -0.18/20

[11.dxc5 Bxc5 *(11...Nxc5 12.Bc2 Bd7)* 12.Qe2 Be7 *(* the engine likes *12...f6 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Rb1!* with the idea b4 for White, but this is worth examining.*)* 13.Rb1 Nc5 14.Bc2 Bd7 15.Nf1±]

[11.dxc5± 0.48/26 Bxc5 12.Qe2]

[11.h4 h6 12.h5 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Nf3 Qg4 16.Bd2 0-0 17.Rc1 Nc5 18.Bb1 Ne4 19.Rc7 Bd8 20.Rc1 Bd7 21.Bb4 Bb6 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Nd2 Qxd1 24.Rcxd1 Rfd8 25.Nxe4 Bc6 1-0 Mamedov,R (2646)-Salgado Lopez,I (2591) MrDodgy Online Inv Gp-A 3rd blitz 2022 (6)]

11...cxd4= 12.cxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 Without Nf3 and rapid development, White's compensation here is not obvious. **14.Ng3 Qh4?!** 0.53/21

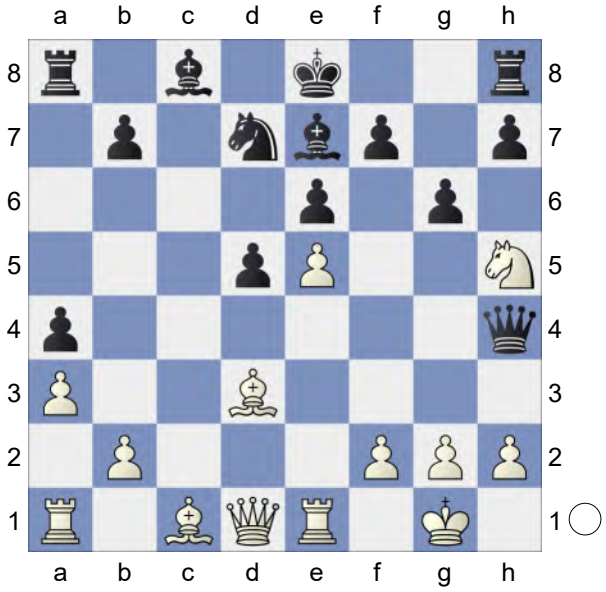
[better 14...g6!]

[or 14...h5]

[14...Nxe5? 15.Bb5+ Nc6 16.Qxd4+-]

[14...g6∓ -0.63/21]

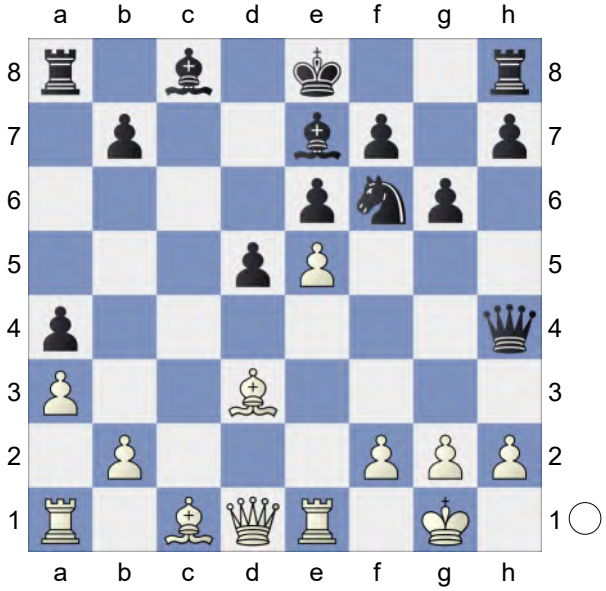
15.Nh5!± g6



16.Nf6+ -0.40/24 **Nxf6??** 1.74/23

[16...Bxf6 17.exf6 0-0!∓]

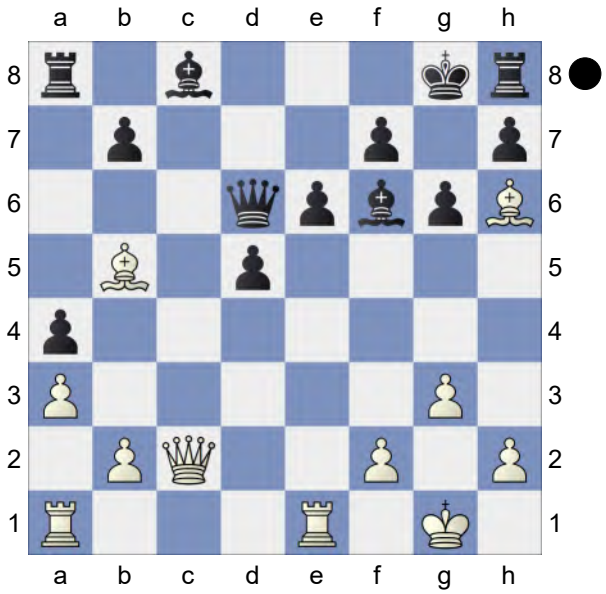
[16...Bxf6∓ -0.40/24 keeps the upper hand. 17.exf6 0-0 *(17...Nxf6 18.g3±; 17...Qxf6 18.Bh6=)*]



17.exf6?? -1.01/24
[17.g3! traps Black's queen, e.g., Qg4 18.Be2 Qf5 19.g4! Qxe5 20.Bb5+]
[17.g3!+- 1.74/23 Qh3 18.exf6]
17...Bxf6 -0.15/26
[17...Qxf6 And now ...0-0 would win. 18.Bb5+ Bd7∓]
[17...Qxf6∓ -1.01/24 ...0-0 would now be deadly. 18.Bb5+ Kf8 *(18...Bd7 19.Bxd7+ Kxd7 20.Qd3=)*]
18.Bb5+ -0.57/22
[18.g3!= -0.15/26 is more appropriate. Qd4 19.Bb5+ Bd7 20.Bxd7+ Kxd7 21.Qf3]
18...Kf8∓ 19.g3 Qh3 0.00/23
[Better is 19...Qh5∓ -0.54/28 20.Be2 Qe5]
20.Bf1 -0.55/20
[20.Bf4!= 0.00/23 h5 *(20...Bxb2? loses. 21.Re5+-)* 21.Bf1]
20...Qh5 21.Be2 Qe5 22.Bb5 Qd6 aiming for ...h7-h5. **23.Bh6+ Kg8** -0.34/23
[23...Bg7∓ -0.74/27 24.Qd4 Rg8 25.Bxg7+ Rxg7]
24.Qc2? -1.95/23
[24.Rc1!]
[24.Rc1!∓ -0.34/23]

(Diagram)

24...Bd7 -1.16/22
[24...Bg7!-+ -1.95/23 25.Bd2 h5 26.Bxa4 Bd7 27.Bxd7 Qxd7]
25.Bf4 -2.30/23
[25.Bxd7∓ -1.16/22 Qxd7 26.Rac1]
25...e5? -0.35/23
[25...Qe7!]
[25...Qe7-+ -2.30/23 26.Qe2 Kg7]
26.Bxd7 -1.95/20
[26.Bxe5! Bxe5 27.Bxd7 Bxg3 *(27...h5!? 28.Rad1 h4∓)* 28.hxg3



Qxd7 29.Rad1 with counterplay for the pawns.]
[26.Bxe5!∓ -0.35/23 Bxe5 27.Bxd7]
26...exf4!-+ 27.Bxa4 Kg7 28.Rad1 fxg3 29.hxg3 h5 30.Bb3 d4 31.Qc4 Raf8 -0.82/23
[⌓31...Rhf8 -1.37/24 32.Qd5 Qb6]
32.Qd5∓ Qb8 -0.31/23
[Black should play 32...Qxd5∓ -0.74/23 33.Bxd5 Rc8]
33.Kg2 -1.27/21
[33.a4∓ -0.31/23]
33...h4 34.Rh1? -3.57/20
[34.g4 Strongly threatening g4-g5. Qf4∓]
[34.g4∓ -0.96/18 Qf4 35.g5 h3+ *(35...Qxg5+ 36.Qxg5 h3+ 37.Kh1∓; 35...Bxg5 36.Qxd4+ Qxd4 37.Rxd4∓)* 36.Kh1 Bxg5 *(36...Qxg5 37.Qxg5 Bxg5 38.Rxd4∓)* 37.Qxd4+ Qxd4 38.Rxd4]
34...Rh5-+ 35.Qf3 Rf5 36.Qe4 -5.91/18
[36.Qd3 -3.10/20]
36...Rh8 37.Qd3 b5 38.Qe4 -6.90/21
[⌓38.gxh4 -4.86/19 Qa8+ 39.f3]
38...Re8 (→ ...Rf5xf2+) **39.Qc6 Re2 40.Rdf1 Qxg3#** Weighted Error Value:

White=0.90/Black=0.40
0-1

C09

□ **Yu,Yangyi** **2729**
■ **Harika,Dronavalli** **2511**
ChessKid Cup Play In blitz (2) 01.05.23
[Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 Chris Ward: 'Going For Broke:: A typically swashbuckling attack from the American Grandmaster Nick de Firmian' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nb3 Bb6** The main line 7...Bb6 scores better than 7...Bd6. Die Hauptvariante 7...Lb6 punktet besser als 7...Ld6. **8.Be2 Nf6 9.0-0 0-0**

[9...h6 10.c3 *(10.Nfd4 0-0 11.Be3 Re8 12.h3 Bc7 13.Nf3 Bf5 14.Nbd4 Be4 15.Qd2 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Qd6 17.g3 Qd7 18.Kh2 a6 19.a4 Re7 20.b3 Rae8 21.Rad1 Bg6 22.Bf3 Ne4 23.Bxe4 Bxe4 24.Bf4 Bb6* 0-1 Balabayeva,K (2335)-Harika,D (2502) FIDE World Bl Team Pool B blitz 2024 (6.11)*)* 10...0-0 11.Nbd4 Ne4 12.Be3 Re8 13.Re1 Bg4 14.Qa4 Qf6 15.Rad1 Rad8 16.Nc2 Bc7 17.Nb4 d4 18.cxd4 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Qd6 20.Nxc6 Qxh2+ 21.Kf1 bxc6 22.Qxc6 Ng5 23.g3 Ba5 24.Bg2 0-1 Adianto,U (2590)-De Firmian,N (2605) 64/486 Biel 1995]

10.c3 Re8 Black is slightly better.

11.Bg5 -0.65/19

[11.Nbd4= -0.28/20 was preferrable.]

11...Be6N -0.08/24

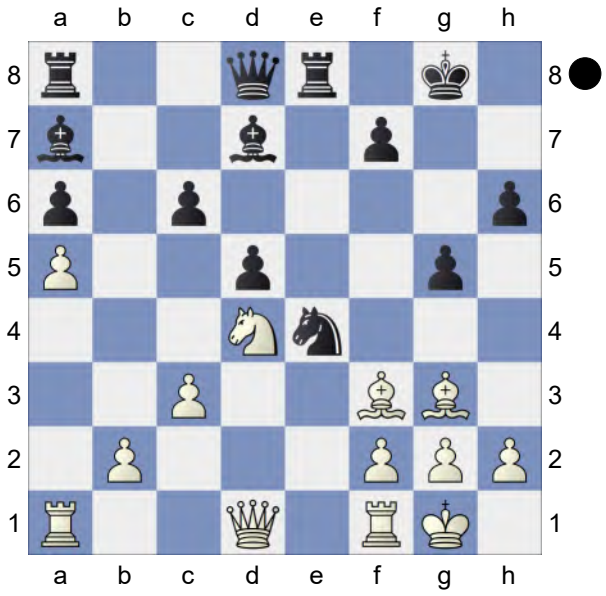
[11...h6∓ -0.65/19 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Ne4 14.Nfd4 Qf6 15.Bf3 Ne5 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.Re1 Bd7 18.Bg4 Bxg4 19.Qxg4 Qf6 20.Re2 Re5 21.Rf1 a5 22.a4 Rd8 23.f4 Rf5 24.g3 h5 25.Qxh5 gxf4 26.Qg4+ Qg5 27.Rxf4 Rxf4 1-0 Carroll,J-Furmston,M British Club Ch 1996]

12.Nfd4 h6N

[Predecessor: 12...a5 13.a4 Rc8 0.40/19 *(13...h6=* -0.29/22 *14.Bh4 Bd7)* 14.f4 -0.97/23 *(14.Nxe6±* 0.40/19 keeps the upper hand. *fxe6 15.Bb5)* 14...Bf5∓ 15.Bf3 -1.44/20 *(*White should play *15.Rf2* -0.93/21 *)* 15...Bc2? 0.54/24 *(15...Nxd4!∓* -1.44/20 *16.Nxd4 Rc4)* 16.Qxc2± Hoping for Qc2-f5. Bxd4+? 2.72/20 *(*Black should try *16...Nxd4±* 0.50/24 *17.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 18.Kh1 Bc5)* 17.cxd4+- Nxd4 18.Qd3 Nc2 1-0 Verbovsky,M (1986)-Lazo,J (1970) SVK-chT2D 1819 2018 (6.5)]

13.Bh4 g5 Strongly threatening ... Nc6xd4. **14.Bg3 Ne4 15.a4 a6 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.a5 Ba7 18.Nd4 Bd7 19.Bf3** -0.87/21

[19.Bg4∓ -0.49/21 is superior.]



19...Nxg3 0.17/25

[19...f5!∓ -0.87/21 Threatens to win

with ...f5-f4. 20.Bxe4 Rxe4]
20.hxg3 Qf6 21.b4 Rab8 Threatening ...Ba7xd4. **22.Rb1 Bxd4 23.cxd4 h5 24.Qd2 h4 25.gxh4 gxh4** 0.38/25
[25...g4= 0.00/27 26.Be2 Qxh4]
26.Rb3 Kg7 27.Be2 Rg8? 2.44/20 This move loses the game for Black.
[27...Re4= 0.10/20 and Black stays safe.]
28.Rf3+-
[28.Bxa6 Kf8 29.Be2 Bg4]
28...Qg6 29.Qf4
[29.Bxa6 Kf8 30.g3 Qd6=]
29...Rbe8 30.Bd3
[30.Bxa6?! Re4 31.Qh2 Qg5±]
30...Qh5 5.50/23
[30...f5 3.03/23 was called for. 31.Qxh4 Rh8]
31.Qf6+ Kf8 32.Qd6+
[32.Bxa6 Re6 33.Qf4 h3=]
32...Re7 33.Re1! Qg5 34.g3
[34.Bxa6? Qxg2#]
34...Rg7 35.Re5
[35.Rf6 Qxf6 36.Qxf6 Rxe1+ 37.Kg2 hxg3+-]
35...Qc1+ 36.Kh2 f5 37.Qf6+ 13.55/20
[⌓37.Rfxf5+ #7/20 Bxf5 38.Qd8+ Kf7 39.Rxf5+ *(39.Rxe7+ Kg6 40.Re6+* Deflection *Kh7 41.Bxf5+ Rg6 42.Rxg6 hxg3+ 43.Rxg3+ Kh6 44.Qh8#; 39.Qxe7+ Kg8 40.Qe8+ Kh7 41.Bxf5+ Kh6 42.Qe6+ Kh5 43.Bg4#)* 39...Ke6 40.Re5+ *(40.gxh4?* leads to mate. *Qg1+ 41.Kh3 Qh1#)* 40...Kf6 41.Qd6+ *(41.Bxa6 hxg3+ 42.fxg3 Rh7+ 43.Kg2 Qh1+ 44.Kf2 Rh2+ 45.Ke3 Qg1+* Skewer, Double Attack *46.Kf3 Qf2+ 47.Kg4 Qxd4+ 48.Kf3 Rf2#)* 41...Kf7 42.Rxe7+ Kg8 43.Qd8#]
37...Kg8 38.Rxe7 hxg3+ 39.Rxg3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.72
1-0

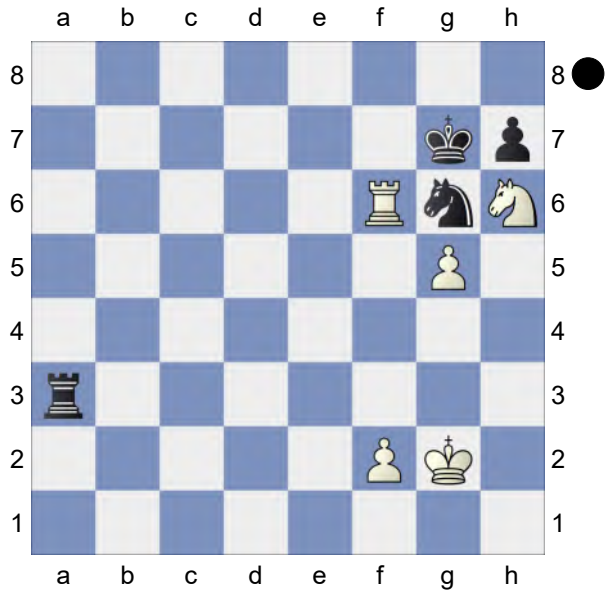
C07
□ **Ragger,Markus** **2615**
■ **Martinovic,Sasa** **2542**
AUT-chT 2324 (6.1) 26.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 Bxc6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.c4 Nf6 10.Qa4 Qc7!** is recently more successful than 10...Qd7. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 10...Dd7. **11.exd5 exd5 12.0-0 Be7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nf3 0-0 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.Rac1N**
[16.Rab1 Rfe8 17.b3 Re6 18.Rbe1 Rae8 19.Rxe6 Rxe6 20.Rc1 Qd7 21.h3 h5 22.Qc4 g6 23.a4 Nb6 24.Qc2 Nd5 25.a5 Qb7 26.Qc4 a6 27.Nd4 Bxd4 28.Qxd4 Qxb3 29.Bh6 Nf6 30.Qc5 Qb8 ½-½ Panov Botvinnik Attack (2793)-Hantel,T (2753) Polgar,J-Anand 1999 (2.1)]
[16.Qc2 a5 17.Rac1 a4 18.b3 axb3 19.axb3 Rac8 20.Rfe1 h6 21.Re4 Qb7 22.Rc4 Rb8 23.b4 Rfe8 24.h3 Re6 25.Qf5 g6 26.Qc2 Bg7 27.Nd4 Bxd4 28.Rxd4 h5 29.Rc4 Qe7 30.Rxc6 Nxb4 ½-½ Martinez Alcantara,J (2612)-Kramnik,V (2753) Madrid Clash of Claims m blitz 2024 (24)]
16...Bxb2 17.Rxc6 Qd7 18.Rd1 Rac8 19.Rc4 Qxa4 20.Rxa4 Rc7 21.Ra5N
[Vorgänger: 21.Ra6 h6 22.g3 Rfc8 23.Ba5 Rd7 24.Be1 Rcc7 25.Ra5 Nc3 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Kg2 Nd5 ½-½ Todorovic,G (2491)-Horvath,D (2386) Budapest FS10 GM 2012 (8)]

21...Nc3 22.Re1 f6 23.h4 Kf7 24.h5 Rd8 25.h6 gxh6 The position is equal. **26.Bxh6 Rd5 27.Ra6 Rcd7 28.Be3 R5d6 29.Rxd6 Rxd6 30.Bxa7 Ra6 31.Bc5 Rxa2 32.Re7+ Kg8 33.Nd4 Ba3 34.Bxa3 Rxa3=** Endgame. KRN-KRN **35.Nf5 Ra5 36.Nh6+ Kh8 37.g4 Nd5 38.Rd7 Nf4 39.Rd8+ Kg7 40.Nf5+ Kf7 41.Rd7+ Kg8 42.Nh6+ Kh8! 43.Rf7 Ng6 44.Kg2**

[Much worse is 44.Rxf6 Kg7 45.Rf7+ Kxh6∓]

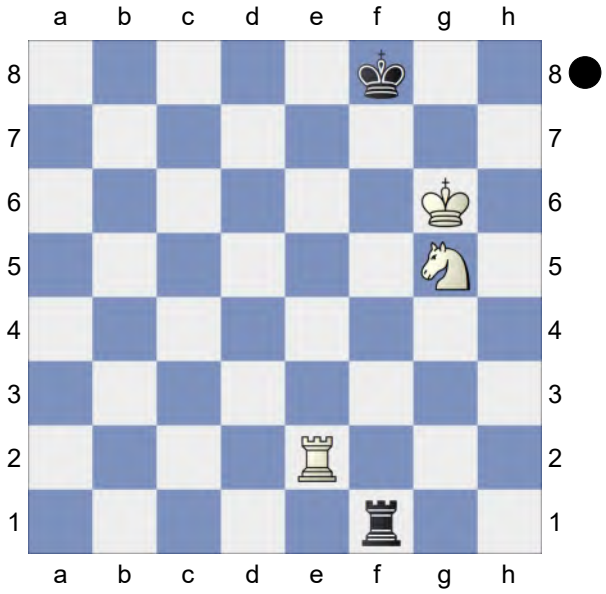
44...Ra3 45.Rxf6 Kg7 46.g5



Strongly threatening Rf6-f7+. **46...Nh4+ 47.Kf1 Nf3 48.Nf5+ Kg8 49.Ne7+ Kg7 50.Nf5+ Kg8 51.g6 hxg6 52.Rxg6+ Kf7 53.Rb6 Nd2+ 54.Kg2 Ne4 55.f3 Ra2+ 56.Kh3 Ng5+ 57.Kg4 Nxf3 58.Kxf3** KRN-KR **58...Ra4 59.Ke3 Ra1 60.Ke4 Re1+ 61.Kd5 Rd1+ 62.Nd4 Re1 63.Nf3 Rd1+ 64.Ke5 Ke7 65.Rb7+**

[65.Re6+ Kd8 66.Rc6 Ra1±]

65...Rd7 66.Rb1 Ra7 67.Rb5 Kf7 68.Nh4 Re7+ 69.Kf5 Re1 70.Nf3 Rf1 71.Rb7+ Kf8 72.Ke4 Kg8 73.Ne5 Rf2 74.Ng4 Rf1 75.Ke5 Kf8 76.Ke6 Re1+ 77.Ne5 Kg8 78.Rb2 Rg1 79.Nf3 Rg6+ 80.Kf5 Ra6 81.Ng5 Kf8 82.Re2 Ra1 83.Kf6 Rf1+ 84.Kg6



Ng5-h7+ would kill now. **84...Rg1 85.Re3 Rg2 86.Re1 Rg4 87.Kf5 Rg2 88.Re3 Rf2+ 89.Ke6 Ra2 90.Kf6 Rf2+ 91.Nf3 Ra2 92.Nd4 Rf2+ 93.Nf5 Ra2 94.Re6 Rf2 95.Rd6 Ke8** Wards off Rd6-d8+ **96.Rd1 Rf4 97.Ke5 Rf2 98.Nd4 Kf7 99.Ra1**

[Much less strong is 99.Nc6?! Rh2±]

99...Rb2 100.Ra6 Rb1 101.Rf6+ Kg8 102.Rf2 Kg7 103.Ne6+ Kg6 104.Rg2+ Kf7 105.Rg7+ Ke8 106.Nd4 Re1+ 107.Kf6 Kd8 108.Nc6+ An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) / Black=0.00 (flawless)

½-½

C03

□ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2701**

■ **Heimann,Andreas** **2599**

FRA-chT Top 12 (9.4) 02.07.2021

[Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2**

Be7 4.e5 c5 5.Qg4 Bf8 6.dxc5 White is more active. **6...Qc7 7.Ngf3 Nd7**

[7...Nh6 8.Qh5 Nd7 9.Nb3 Nf5 10.g4 g6 11.Qh3 Ne7 12.Nfd4 a6 13.f4 Nxc5 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.c3 Qb6 16.Nb3 Bd7 17.Be3 Qc7 18.0-0-0 Ba4 19.Kb1 Nc6 20.Rc1 Bxb3 21.axb3 Bg7 22.Bd3 1-0 Henzler,S (2566)-Peltais,A (2619) corr EU/FSM/65sf04 2003]

8.Nb3N White is slightly better.

[8.Bb5 Qxc5 9.c4 dxc4 10.Bxd7+ Bxd7 11.Ne4 Qd5 12.0-0 f5 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Nxf6+ gxf6 15.Be3 e5 16.Qh4 Be7 17.Rfd1 Qf7 18.Rac1 Be6 19.Qe4 0-0 20.Qxb7 Rab8 21.Qxa7 Rxb2 22.a4 Bb4 0-1 Popadic,D (2296)-Drasko,M (2508) MNT-chT Herceg Novi 2008 (6)]

8...Nxe5 9.Nxe5

[9.Qg3 simplifies Nxf3+ 10.gxf3 Qxg3 11.hxg3 Bd7 12.Be3]

9...Qxe5+ 10.Be3 Bd7 Repels Bf1-b5 **11.0-0-0 Nf6 12.Qb4 b6 13.Qd4 Qc7 14.cxb6 axb6 15.Kb1 b5 16.f3 Bd6 17.Qb6 Qxb6 18.Bxb6 b4 19.Nc5 Bc6** 0.70/22

[19...Ke7∓ -0.57/23]

(Diagram)

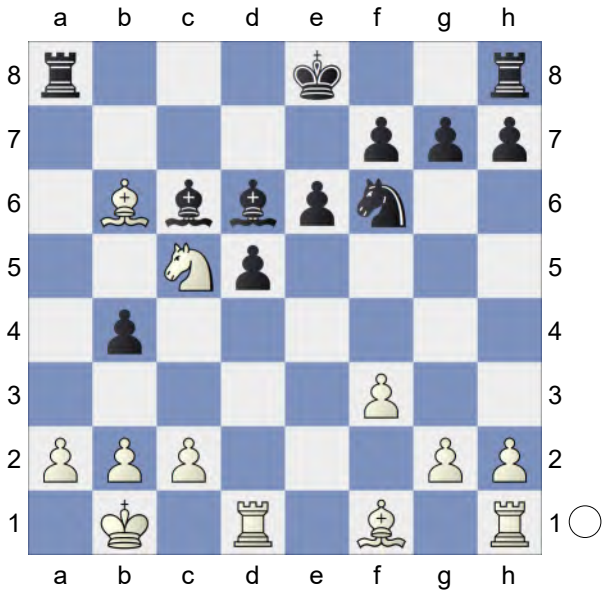
20.Ne4? -1.95/21 **Nxe4-+**

[20...dxe4 21.Rxd6 Bd5 22.Bb5+ Kf8 *(22...Ke7? 23.Bc5+-)* 23.a4+-]

21.fxe4 Ke7! 22.exd5 Bxd5 23.b3 Rhc8 24.Bd4 g6 25.Rd2 Bc5 26.a4 -1.81/20

[26.Bb2∓ -1.15/24]

26...bxa3 27.Bxc5+ Rxc5 28.c4 -2.46/23



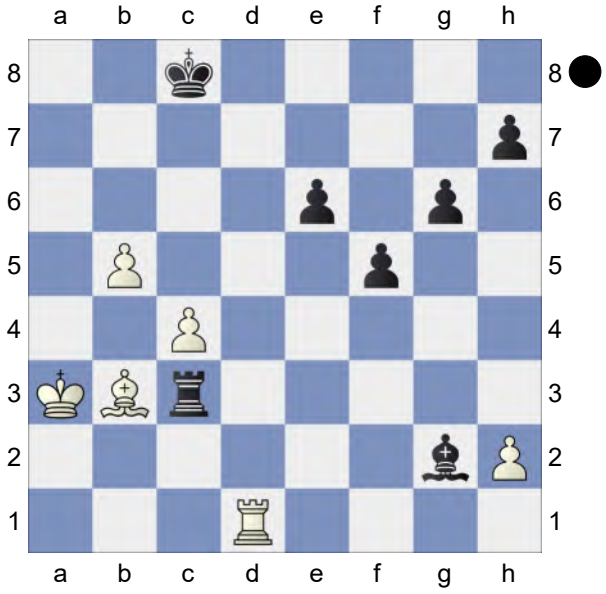
[28.Bd3∓ -1.59/22 was worth a try.]

28...Bc6 29.Ka2 Re5! Threatens to win with ...Re5-e1. **30.Bd3 Re3 31.Bc2 f5 32.b4 Rc3 33.b5 Rd8?** 0.00/29

[33...Be4!-+ -2.28/21 34.Bxe4 fxe4]

34.Rxd8= Kxd8 Endgame. KRB-KRB **35.Bb3 Bxg2 36.Rd1+ Kc8 37.Kxa3?** -2.46/28

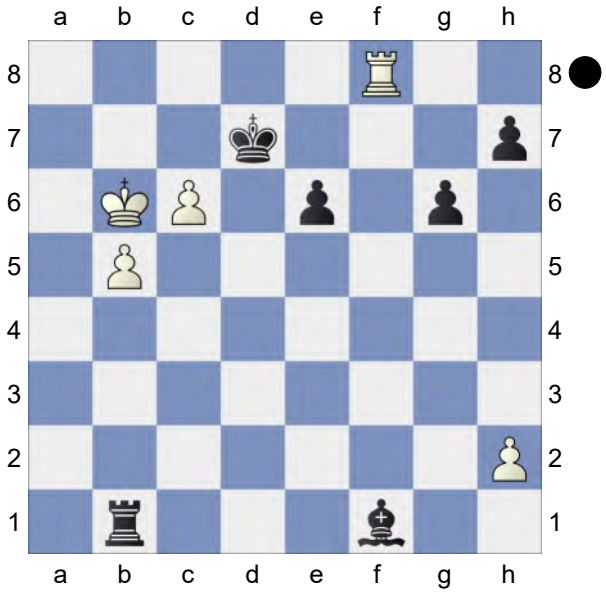
[37.Re1!= -0.26/24 and White has nothing to worry.]



37...f4!-+ 38.Kb4 Re3 39.c5? -5.06/23

[39.Rd4 -2.35/23 g5 *(39...f3*

40.Rf4=) 40.c5]
39...f3 40.Bc4 And now Rd1-d2 would win. **40...f2?** -2.06/22
[40...Re4 -6.22/26 41.Kc3 *(41.Rd2? Bf1-+)* 41...f2]
41.Ka5? -4.25/23
[41.Rd2 -2.06/22 f1Q *(41...f1R 42.Bxf1 Bxf1 43.Rf2-+)* 42.Bxf1 Bxf1 43.Rf2 Re4+ 44.Ka5]
41...Re1 42.Rd2 f1Q
[Inferior is 42...f1R 43.Rxg2 Rf4 44.Rc2=]
43.Bxf1 Bxf1 KRB-KR **44.Rf2 Ra1+ 45.Kb6** c5-c6 would now be deadly.
45...Rb1 46.Rf8+ Kd7 47.c6+

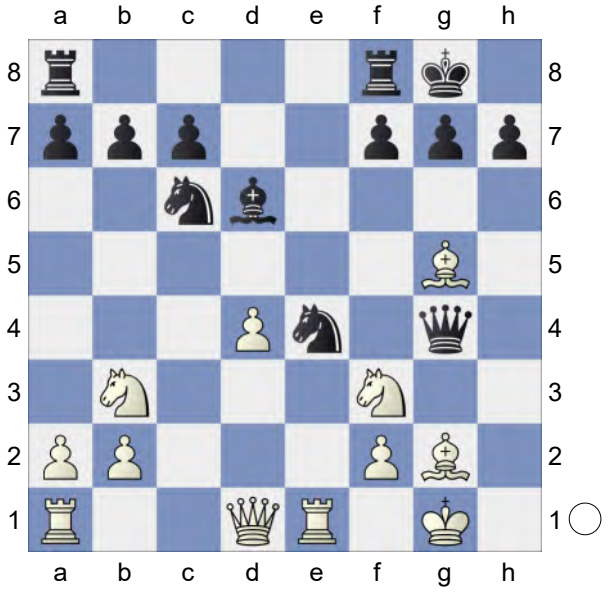


Ke7? 0.00/48
[47...Kd6!-+ -3.78/35 48.Rd8+ Ke7 *(48...Ke5 49.c7∓)*]
48.Rxf1!= The position is equal.
48...Rxf1 KR-K3P **49.Kc7 e5 50.b6 e4 51.b7 Rb1** Strongly threatening ...e4-e3. **52.b8Q Rxb8 53.Kxb8** Black must now prevent c6-c7. K3P-KPP **53...e3** ...e3-e2 is the strong threat. **54.c7 e2 55.c8Q e1Q** KQ-KQ **56.Qc7+ Kf6 57.Qxh7 g5 58.Kc7 Qc3+ 59.Kd6** Threatening mate with Qh7-h8+. **59...Qd4+ 60.Kc6 Qd8** Inhibits Qh7-h8+. **61.Qh3 Qe8+ 62.Kd5 Qe5+ 63.Kc4 Qe4+ 64.Kc3 Qe1+ 65.Kd3 Qd1+ 66.Ke4 Qe2+ 67.Qe3 Qc2+ 68.Qd3 Qxd3+** Black had all chances to win. Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.26 (precise) . Loss on time!?
1-0

C04
□ **Gadimbayli,Abdulla Azar 2524**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju 2725**
Gashimov Memorial Blitz 8th (6)
[Kitty Kat]

C04: French Tarrasch: 3...Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.c3 e5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Ngf3 exd4 7.Bc4 Qa5N** 1.65/21
[Better is 7...Qf5± 0.34/23]
[7...Qc5 8.Qe2+ Be7 9.Nb3 Qh5 10.Nbxd4 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxe2+ 12.Kxe2 c6 13.Be3 Nf6 14.f3 0-0 15.h4 Re8 16.g4 Bd6 17.Kd2 Nd7 18.Bb3 Ne5 19.Raf1 b5 20.Ne2 a5 21.Bf4 a4 22.Bxe5 0-1 Castaldo,F-Dellabella,C ITA-chT3 corr 1986]
[7...Qh5 8.cxd4 Bd6 *(8...Nf6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Re1+ Ne7 11.h3 0-0 12.Nf1 Qa5 13.Bg5 Nfd5 14.Qb3 c6 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Ne5 Nd5 17.Ne3 Be6 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Qxb7 Rab8 21.Qd7 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 Rxb2 23.Rxd5* French Tarrasch-7.0-0 ♘f6 8. ♘b3_56957 Survey 2008 *)* 9.Ne4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bg4 11.Bxb4 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Nxb4 13.Qa4+ Nc6 14.d5 Qxf3 15.0-0 0-0-0 16.Ng3 Nb8 17.Be2 Qf6 18.Bg4+ Nd7 19.Rac1 Qb6 20.Rc3 Ngf6 21.Bf3 Ne5 22.Bg2 ½-½ Brueckner,J (2442)-De,G (2454) EM/TT/F/01 email 1997]

8.0-0+- b2-b4 would now be deadly.
[8.cxd4?! Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6±]
[8.Nxd4 Qe5+ 9.Ne2 Be6±]
8...Be7 2.50/21
[8...dxc3± 1.50/22 might work better. 9.Re1+ Be7 10.bxc3 Nf6]
9.cxd4 Nf6 White is clearly better.
10.Re1 1.42/20
[White has to play 10.d5!+- 2.40/22]
10...0-0? 3.18/21
[10...Be6± 1.42/20]
11.h3? 0.83/21
[11.d5!+- 3.18/21]
11...Bd6± 12.Nb3 0.17/22
[12.a3± 0.87/20]
12...Qh5= 13.Bg5
[13.d5 simplifies Ne5 14.Nxe5 Qxd1 15.Rxd1 Bxe5 16.Na5]
13...Bxh3? 1.98/21 **14.gxh3+- Qxh3 15.Bf1 Qg4+** 2.42/26
[⌓15...Qh5 1.72/20 16.Bxf6 gxf6]
16.Bg2 Ne4

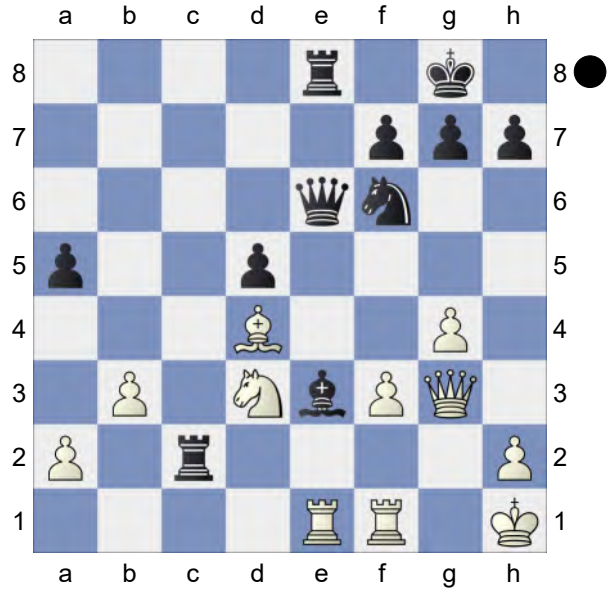


17.Ne5? -0.39/19 **Qxd1∓**
[17...Qxg5? 18.Rxe4 Nxe5 19.f4+- *(19.dxe5 Bxe5 20.Qg4 Qf6±; 19.dxe5 Bxe5 20.Qd2 Qxd2+-)*]
18.Raxd1 Nxg5 19.Nxc6 -1.46/21
Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
[19.f4!∓ -0.62/21 Bxe5 *(19...Ne6 20.d5±)* 20.dxe5]
19...bxc6∓ 20.Bxc6 -2.52/21
[20.Nc5∓ -1.44/23]
20...Rab8-+ 21.Rd3 Ne6 22.Re4 g6 23.Kf1 Kg7 24.d5 Nf4 25.Rf3 g5 26.Ra4 h5 27.Rxa7 h4 28.Ra4 Rh8 29.Bd7 h3
[29...Nxd5 30.Ra5 Nf6 31.Bh3∓]
30.Bxh3 -5.12/21
[30.Raxf4 -3.05/18 was called for. Bxf4 *(30...h2 31.Rxf7+ Kg8 32.Be6∓)* 31.Bxh3]
30...Nxh3 Black is clearly winning.
31.Rg4 f6 32.Nd4 Nf4 33.Nf5+ Kf7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.45. Sensor Board Error (Ke4/ e5)?
1-0

C08
□ **Azarov,Sergei Nikolaevich** **2559**
■ **Petrosyan,Manuel** **2634**
EU-ch 23rd Vrnjacka Banja (8) 10.03.23
[Kitty Kat]

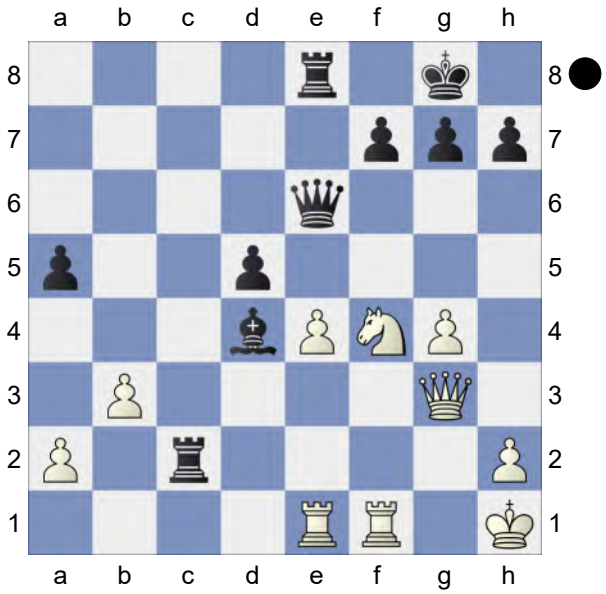
C08: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 sidelines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Ngf3 Nf6 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Nb3 Nce4 11.Nfd4 Qd7 12.f3 Nd6 13.Nc5 Qc8 14.Nd3** Threatens to win with Qd1-e2. **14...0-0 15.b3** White has an edge. **15...Bd8** ...Bd8-b6 is the strong threat. **16.Kh1 Re8 17.Qd2 Nf5 18.Bb2 Bb6 19.Nxf5**
[19.Nf4 simplifies Nxd4 20.Bxd4 Bxd4 21.Qxd4 Qxc2 22.Nxd5 Nxd5 23.Qxd5 Qc7 24.h3]
19...Qxf5 20.g4 -0.44/22
[20.Rfe1= -0.02/26 was preferrable.]
20...Qe6 -0.08/27

[20...Qd7∓ -0.44/22 deserves consideration.]
21.Rae1= Be3 22.Qb4 a5 23.Qxb7 -0.45/21
[23.Qb5!= 0.00/26]
23...Rab8!↑ Black has the initiative.
24.Qc7 Re1-e2! would now be deadly.
24...Rbc8! Deflection **25.Qg3N** -0.65/23
[Reject 25.Qe5 Qc6 26.Qf5 d4∓ *(26...Qxc2 27.Rxe3 Rxe3 28.Rc1+-* Skewer *)*]
[25.Qxa5= -0.29/25 feels stronger. Rxc2 *(25...Nxg4 26.Re2 Nxh2 27.Rxh2 Rxc2 28.Qa4 Rxh2+ 29.Kxh2 d4* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006*)* 26.Rf2 Rxf2 *(26...Bxf2 27.Rxe6 Rxe6 28.Qa8+ Re8 29.Qa4=)* 27.Nxf2 Pin]
25...Rxc2 White must now prevent ... Qe6-a6. **26.Bd4** -1.54/22
[26.Bxf6!∓ -0.66/23 gxf6 *(26...Qxf6?* perishes. *27.Rxe3 Rf8 28.Qe5+-)* 27.Nf4]



26...Ne4!∓ 27.fxe4 Bxd4 28.Nf4

(Diagram)



Qc8 29.exd5 aiming for Re1xe8+.
29...Be5 -0.85/21
[⌓29...Rxe1 -1.44/23 30.Qxe1 Rxa2]
30.Qf3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

C07
□ **Ragger,Markus** **2684**
■ **Andreikin,Dmitry** **2741**
22nd ETCC Open 2019 (2.29) 25.10.2019
[John Watson,Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6** Everyone plays this differently, with some Blacks playing a combination of ... Bd6, ..Ne7, and/or ...Qc7 (or ...Qb8), and White deciding whether to play Qe2, Re1 and/or castle early. I'm not sure that anyone knows which move orders are best for either side, since each move comes with a tradeoff.
[8...Qc7 can be unique after 9.Qe2 Ne7 10.0-0 *(10.Nf3 Ng6 11.e5!?*

is Navara-Vitiugov in the Archives. Repels Bf8-d6*)* 10...Ng6 , which is analysed in Erenburg-Lenderman in the Archives.]

9.Qe2

[More pointed than 9.0-0 Qc7 10.h3 *(10.g3 h5!?)* 10...Ne7 , when White has spent time on the relatively unproductive h3.]

9...Qc7

[Here 9...Ne7 is an important alternative, avoiding the need for an early ...dxe4 as in the game. The Archives includes examples such as Kanakova-Greet (as well as transpositions we see in the notes to other games, which went 10.Nf3 Ng6 11.0-0 0-0 *(11...Nf4 12.Bxf4 Bxf4 13.e5 0-0 14.c4 g6 15.g3 Bh6=* Kryvoruchko,Y (2710)-Lupulescu,C (2630) Germany 2014 *)* 12.e5 Bc7

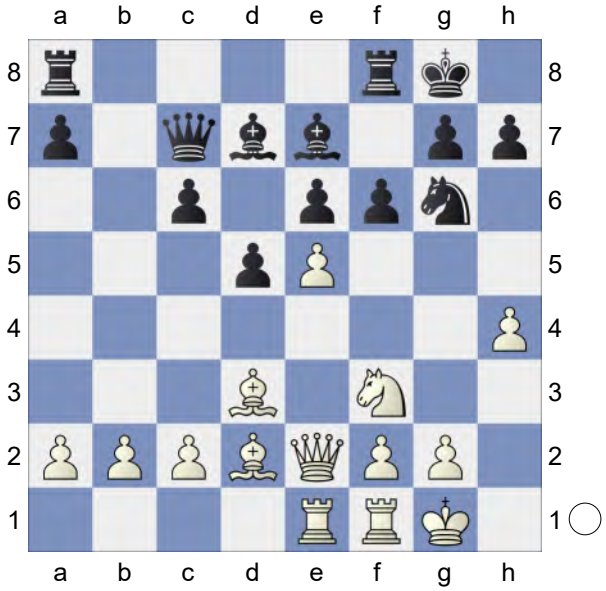
A) 13.c4 Qe7 14.Bd2 f6 15.Bxg6! hxg6 16.Rfe1 g5 Tal,M-Kortschnoj, V, Moscow (blitz) 1972;

B) 13.Ng5 Black must now prevent Qe2-h5. Qe8! 14.f4 f5 15.c4 Bb6+ 16.Kh1! Ne7 0.22/24 *(16...a5!* -0.25/25 was preferrable.*)* 17.b3 a5∞ Fedorchuk,S (2635)-Vitiugov,N (2726), Germany 2012;

C) 13.Re1 f6!? *(*I gave *13...c5=)* 14.Bxg6! hxg6 and White could have kept a modest advantage with 15.c4]

10.Nf3 dxe4 Highlighting the drawbacks of playing both ...Qc7 and ...Bd6 before ...Ne7. Black cannot smoothly develop his knight without being bothered by e5, and so switches to a variation where he tries to benefit from an extra central pawn. Two options:. White is slightly better.

[(a) 10...Ne7 11.e5 Bc5 looks artificial. One game went 12.0-0 *(12.c3 a5 13.0-0 h6 14.Bf4±* Fawzy,A (2418)-Akobian,V (2673) Khanty-Mansiysk 2017*)* 12...Ng6 1.02/20 *(12...h6; 12...f5±* 0.36/23 *)* 13.Bd2 0.65/24 *(13.h4±* 1.02/20 *)* 13...0-0 14.Rae1 *(14.h4!?±)* 14...Be7 15.h4! f6?! *(15...c5)*



16.exf6!? 0.23/20 *(16.Bxg6! hxg6 17.c4; 16.Bxg6!±* 0.99/22 And now e5xf6 would win. *hxg6 17.c4)* 16...gxf6= 17.Nd4?! *(17.c4±)* 17...e5= Rozentalis,E (2522)-Christensen,S (2259) Denmark 2019]

[(b) 10...f6 with the idea ...Ne7 has done okay in practice, e.g.,

A) 11.0-0 Ne7 12.Re1?! -0.60/22 *(12.exd5±* 0.48/21 *cxd5 13.c4)* 12...e5!∓;

B) 11.exd5 cxd5 12.c4 Ne7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Be3 Rae8 15.Rac1 Qb8± Azarov,S (2565)-Holt,C (2561) Saint Louis 2018;

C) 11.c4 Ne7 12.0-0 0.12/22 *(12.cxd5±* 0.49/20 *cxd5 13.0-0)* 12...dxe4= *(12...0-0 13.Be3±)* 13.Qxe4 -0.32/19 *(13.Bxe4 Rd8*

14.Be3 next c4-c5 is good for White. *c5=* Safarli,E (2681)-Holt,C (2548) chess.com INT 2019*; 13.Bxe4=* 0.28/22 *Rd8 14.Bd2)* 13...e5∓ 14.Qe2?! -0.59/19 *(14.Rd1=* -0.23/22 *)* 14...c5!∓ 15.Nd2 -1.12/23 *(15.b4∓* -0.53/21 *)* 15...f5!∓ Khachiyan,M (2509)-Holt,C (2548) chess.com INT 2019]

11.Qxe4

[11.Bxe4 -0.05/22 11.Qe2xe4 0.45 Nf6 12.0-0 Rb8 0.17/21 *(⌓12...0-0* -0.20/21 *)* 13.Re1 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 f6 Repels Nf3-e5 15.b3 0-0 16.Bd2 c5= Timman,J (2569)-Kortschnoj,V (2561), London 2009]

11...Nf6 12.Qh4 h6

[Not 12...0-0?? 2.70/21 12...h7-h6 0.31 13.Bg5+-]

[and 12...c5 with the idea ...Bc6 allows 13.Bh6! , which is a bit awkward. Then Rg8 14.Bxg7 Rxg7 15.Qxf6 Rxg2 16.Be4! Bc6! 17.Bxc6+! Qxc6 18.0-0-0! looks promising for White.]

13.0-0 Two examples from the past two years:

[a) 13.Bd2 -0.13/23 13.0-0 0.34

A) 13...c5 14.Bc3 0-0-0!? 0.32/21 *(Black should play 14...Nd5!∓* -0.32/22 *)*;

B) 13...Ke7!? 14.Bc3 c5 15.0-0-0 *(15.0-0* Threatens to win with Rf1-e1. *Bc6 16.Qh3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Bxh2+ 18.Kh1 Bf4∞)* 15...Bc6 16.Kb1 Rab8 17.Rhe1 -0.72/19 *(17.Rde1!=* 0.08/20 keeps the balance. *)* 17...Bxf3∓ 18.gxf3 Bf4 -0.05/24 *(18...Bxh2∓* -0.65/24 *19.Re2 Bf4)* 19.a3 Rhd8= Puranik,A (2550)-Martirosyan,H (2619) Zuerich 2019]

[b) 13.Nd2 g5 *(13...Bf4! 14.Ne4 Bxc1 15.Rxc1 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 Qa5+ 17.b4 Qd5=)* 14.Qh3 c5 15.Nc4 Bf4 16.Bxf4 Qxf4 Godena,M (2501)-McShane,L (2672) Batumi 2018 17.0-0±]

13...c5

[13...0-0? 3.69/21 13...c6-c5 0.35 14.Bxh6!+-]

[13...Rb8 is best met by 14.b3 , e.g., c5 15.Bb2 Bc6! 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Be4 , although Bxe4 18.Qxe4 0-0 may be playable.]

14.Nd2

[14.Bg5 Nd5?! *(14...Ke7! 15.Bxf6+ gxf6∞)* 15.Be4 -0.58/24 *(* Better is *15.Rfe1±* 0.32/21 *)* 15...Rb8 0.39/20 Guseinov,G (2625)-So,W (2640) Khanty-Mansiysk 2009 *(15...Rf8∓* -0.58/24 *16.Bd2 Be7)* 16.Rfe1!±]

[14.Rd1 Bc6 15.Nd2 g5 16.Qh3 Bf4 17.Nc4 0-0-0 18.Be3 Nd5 19.Bxc5 g4 20.Qh4 f5 21.Bf1 Bg5 22.Qg3 Bf4 23.Qa3 Bxh2+ 24.Kh1 g3 25.Bd6 Qf7 26.Ne5 Qh5 27.Ba6+ Bb7 28.Qc5+ 1-0 Bernadskiy,V (2566)-Salgado Lopez,I (2608) Chessable Masters Play In rapid 2024 (8)]

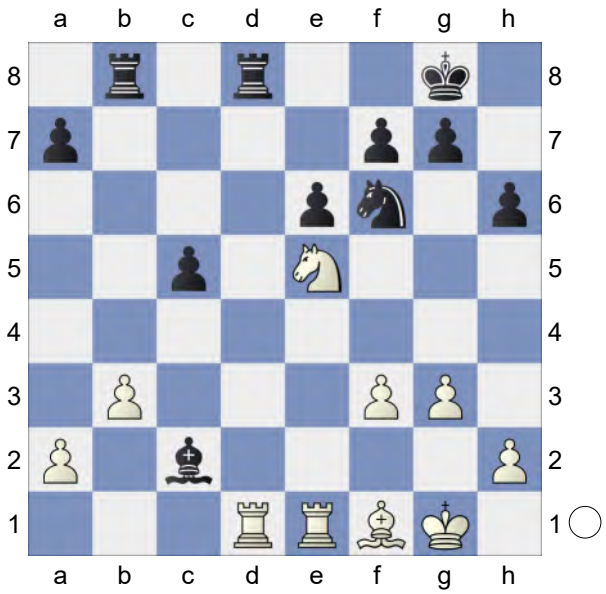
14...Nd5

[14...Bf4 looks like a good alternative, when the natural 15.Nc4 *(15.Re1 g5=; 15.Ne4 Be5=)* 15...Bxc1 16.Raxc1 0-0 is level.]

15.Nc4 Bf4 16.g3N -0.08/20

[Ponomariov,R (2741)-Morozevich,A (2748) Tashkent 2012 continued 16.Re1 Rb8 17.Be4 Bxc1 18.Raxc1 Nb6!? *(18...0-0)* 19.Ne3 0-0 20.b3± . f5 21.Bd3 e5 22.f3 Rbe8 23.Rcd1 Kh8 24.c3 Rf6 25.Bc2 Be6 26.Rd2 a5 27.c4 Nc8 28.Bxf5 Rxf5 29.Nxf5 Bxf5 30.Qh5 Rf8 31.Rd5 Kh7 32.Rdxe5 Bg6 33.Qh4 Rd8 34.Qg3

Bf7 35.Qf4 ½-½ Gelfand,B (2751)-Mamedyarov,S (2764) Tashkent FIDE GP 2nd 2012 (6)]
[16.b3± 0.36/25 deserves consideration.]
16...Bxc1= 17.Raxc1 Bc6 18.Rfe1 0-0
[18...Nf6 19.Ne5 0-0=]
19.Qe4 Nf6 Repels Qe4-h7+ **20.Qe5 Qxe5**
[20...Qe7 21.Na5 Bf3 22.Qe3 Bb7 is only slightly in White's favour.]
21.Nxe5 Bb7 22.Bf1!? Rfd8
The position is equal. **23.Rcd1 Rab8 24.b3± Be4?!**
[24...Nd5 25.Bg2 Ba8±]
25.Bg2
[25.f3! Bb7 *(25...Bxc2? 2.32/26 25...Be4-a8 0.16*



26.Rc1! Bh7 27.Nc6!) 26.Kf2±]
25...Bxg2
[25...Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Bg2xe4 would now be deadly. Bxc2 27.Rc1 Bf5 28.Rxc5 Rd8 will probably also hold.]
[25...Bxc2 26.Rc1 Rd2 27.Nc4+-]
26.Kxg2 Rbc8 Wards off Ne5-c6 **27.c4 Kf8 28.f4 a5 29.Kf3**
[29.g4!?]
29...Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Ke7 31.Ke3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

C07
□ **Navara,David** **2734**
■ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2727**
Tal Memorial Rapid 2019 (10.4) 17.07.19
[John Watson,Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Qc7 9.Qe2** Delaying 0-0 to get some aggressive moves in. **9...Ne7**
[9...Bd6 10.Nf3 dxe4 11.Qxe4 Nf6 12.Qh4 may not be much for White, but Black has to defend.]
10.Nf3 Ng6 11.e5!? Against Bf8-d6. White has an edge.
[11.0-0 Bd6 12.Re1 is seen in Erenburg-Lendermann in the Archives.]
11...c5
[11...Be7 should also be equal.]
12.c4 -0.34/25
[12.0-0= 0.20/23]
12...dxc4∓
[12...Be7 -0.09/22 12...d5xc4 -0.48 looks fine, but White perhaps intended 13.h4!? , e.g., dxc4 14.Bc2 Bc6 0.19/20 *(*Black should try *14...h5!∓* -0.40/23 *)* 15.h5= Nf8 16.Be4 with unclear prospects *(16.h6!?∞* -0.34/19 16.Rh1-h3 0.15 *)*]
13.Bxc4
[13.Bc2 Bc6 with the idea 14.h4 Rd8!∓]
13...Be7N
[13...Bc6 14.0-0 Rb8 15.Re1 Be7 16.b3 0-0 17.Ng5 h6 18.Nh3 Qb7

19.Qg4 Rbd8 20.Bxe6 Nxe5 21.Rxe5 Bf6 22.Bxh6 Bxe5 23.Re1 Rd4 24.Qh5 fxe6 25.Rxe5 Qf7 0-1 Swapnil,S (2516)-2 b4 and 2 a3 (2622) GER-ITA corr 1997]

[13...Rb8 14.0-0 Be7 15.b3 Bc6 16.Bb2 0-0 17.Ne1 Rfd8 18.f4 Nh4 19.Bd3 Qa5 20.Rc1 Qxa2 21.Bc4 Bd5 22.Rc2 Bxc4 23.bxc4 Rb3 24.Bd4 Qa6 25.Bf2 Nf5 26.Ra2 Qb7 27.Nf3 Nd4 28.Bxd4 0-1 Probsthain,H (2581)-5.f3 c6 6. ♕d2 b5 (2729) Saint-Vincent 84/373 2002 cxd4 29.Rd1 d3 30.Qf1 Bc5+ 31.Kh1 Rb2 32.Rxb2 Qxb2 33.Ne1 d2 34.Nd3 Qd4 35.Rxd2 Qxc4 36.h3 Be3 37.Rd1 g6 38.g3 Qc2 39.Nf2 Rxd1 40.Nxd1 Bd4 41.Qf3 Qd2 42.h4 a5 43.h5 0-1 Papp,G (2581)-Vitiugov,N (2729) (open) 133/108 2017]

14.h4 Pressing hard. White gets nothing from

[14.0-0 0-0 15.b3 Bc6 16.Bb2 Nf4 17.Qe3 Nd5 18.Qe2 a5]

14...Bc6!? 0.63/19

[14...h5! intends ...Bc6 and leaves White's center somewhat vulnerable, e.g., 15.Bd3 -0.82/21 *(15.0-0∓ -0.42/22 is superior.)* 15...Bc6!∓ 16.Bxg6 fxg6 17.0-0 0-0 18.Ng5 Bd5 19.f4 Rab8 with superior activity.]

[14...h5!∓ -0.44/22]

15.h5± Nf8 16.h6 g6

[16...Rg8 17.hxg7 Rxg7 18.Kf1±]

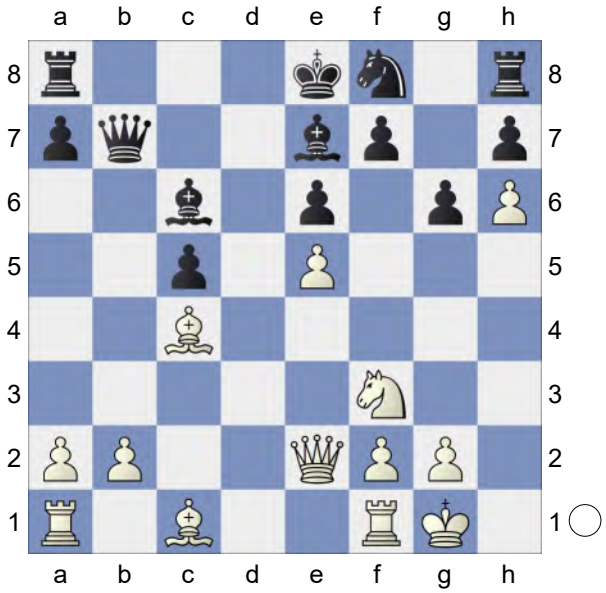
17.0-0↑ Strongly threatening Bc1-g5. White has some pressure.

[17.b3 Nd7 18.Bb2? 0.01/22 *(18.0-0± 0.46/21* should be considered. *)* 18...Qa5+]

17...Qb7?! 1.78/23

[17...Nd7 18.Bf4 Rb8 19.b3 0-0 is double-edged]

[Better is 17...Nd7± 0.65/22]



This loses valuable time. **18.Ba6!+- Qb6** 2.42/22

[18...Bxf3 2.23/29 18...Qb7-b4 1.48 19.gxf3! *(19.Bxb7* 0.67/20 19.g2xf3 1.78 *Bxe2 20.Bxa8 Bxf1 21.Bc6+ Kd8 22.Kxf1* Hoping for Bc1-e3. *Nd7! 23.Bf4 Kc7 24.Bf3±)* 19...Qc7 20.Bb5+ Nd7 21.Rd1 Rd8 *(21...0-0-0* 3.16/23 21...Ra8-d8 1.82 *22.Be3±)* 22.Qd3±]

[⌓18...Qb4 1.89/23 19.a3 Qe4]

19.Bg5! Nd7 20.Bxe7 Kxe7 3.15/22 A mistake that costs the game.

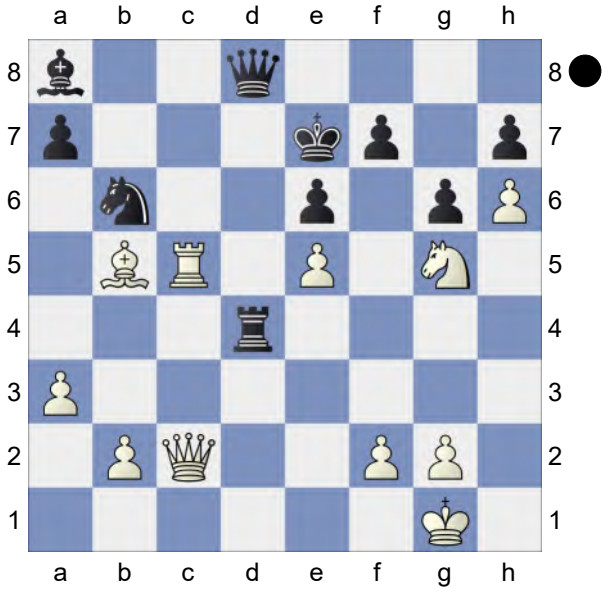
[Missing the chance for 20...Bxf3!

A) 21.gxf3 Kxe7 22.Rfd1 Threatens to win with Rd1-d6. Rab8 23.b3 0.55/25 *(23.Rd6± 1.27/23 Qxb2 24.Rad1)* 23...Qc7 24.f4 aiming for Rd1-d6. Rhd8± 1.44/24 *(* Black should play *24...g5* 0.72/23 *)*;

B) 21.gxf3± 1.56/24 Kxe7 22.Rfd1;

C) 21.Qxf3 0.54/20 21...Kxe7± 22.Qe2! And now Ra1-d1 would win. Nxe5! 23.Qxe5 Qxa6

24.Qc7+ Kf6 25.Rfe1 Black must now prevent Re1-e3! Rhc8 26.Qe5+ Ke7 and Black is under pressure but able to defend.]
[20...Bxf3± 1.49/21 21.Qxf3 Kxe7]
21.Ng5! Qb4 22.Bc4
[Or 22.g3 . e.g., Rab8 23.b3 Nb6 24.Rac1+-]
22...Rad8 23.a3 Qb8 24.Rfe1 White is winning and can build up at his leisure. **24...Nb6 25.Rac1 Rd4 26.Bb5 Ba8** 5.49/19
[26...Bxb5 27.Qxb5 Nd7 28.Rxc5!+-]
[⌓26...Bxb5 3.48/21 27.Qxb5 Nd7 28.Rxc5 Qb6]
27.Rxc5 White is clearly winning.
27...Rc8 28.Rec1 Rxc5 29.Rxc5 Qd8 30.Qc2
[30.Nxh7? perishes. Rd1+ 31.Kh2 Qd4-+]



Rc5-c7+ would now be deadly. **30...Kf8 31.Nxh7+ Kg8 32.Nf6+ Kh8 33.Rc7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.47
1-0

C10
□ **Paravyan,David** **2612**
■ **Rustemov,Alexander** **2525**
Titled Tuesday intern op 27th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.c3 Ngf6 8.Nxf6+ Nxf6 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Qd5 11.Qh3!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
[11.Qxd5 Nxd5 12.Be4 c6 13.g3 Be7 14.Kg2 h5 15.h4 Rd8 16.Re1 g6 17.a4 a5 18.Bd2 Kf8 19.Rad1 Kg7 20.Bc2 Rd7 21.Bc1 1-0 Paravyan,D (2620)-Rustemov,A (2525) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Jun Late blitz 2022 (5)]
[11.Qe2 Be7 *(11...Bd6 12.Be3 Qh5 13.Qxh5 Nxh5 14.g3 Nf6 15.c4 c6 16.a3 0-0 17.b4 Rfd8 18.Be2 a5 19.Rab1 axb4 20.axb4 b5 21.cxb5 cxb5 22.Bxb5 Rab8 23.Bc6 Rxb4 24.Rxb4 Bxb4 25.Ra1 h6 26.Ra8* ½-½ Neat,P (2369)-Mi,G (2476) 17/482 Las Palmas 1974 (7.7)) 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bf4 c6 14.a4 Rfd8 15.Bc7 Re8 16.Be5 a5 17.Qc2 g6 18.Rad1 Qd8 19.Qb3 Qd7 20.h4 Ng4 21.h5 Nxe5 22.dxe5 Qc8 23.Re3 Bg5 24.Rh3 Qc7 25.Re1 Rad8 ½-½ Adams,M (2670)-Ivanchuk,V (2740) Dortmund SuperGM 26th 1998 (1)]
11...Qh5 White is slightly better.
12.Qxh5 Nxh5 13.f4N
[13.b4 Nf6 14.b5 Bd6 15.Rb1 0-0 16.Be2 Ne4 17.Rb3 21. French Defense-4...Bd7]
13...g6! 14.g4 Ng7 15.Kg2N
[Vorgänger: 15.f5 gxf5 16.gxf5 Nxf5

17.Bxf5 Bf5-e4 would now be deadly. Rg8+ 18.Kh1 exf5 19.Rxf5 Bd6 20.Bg5 Rg6 21.Raf1 1-0 Lei,T (2531)-Shachar,E (2401) Gibraltar Masters 16th 2018 (10)]

15...h5 16.h3 Bd6 17.Be3 Kd7 18.Rh1 Rh7 19.Be4 c6 20.Bf3 Rah8 21.c4 hxg4 22.hxg4 g5 1.47/26

23.fxg5± Rh2+ 24.Rxh2 0.38/20

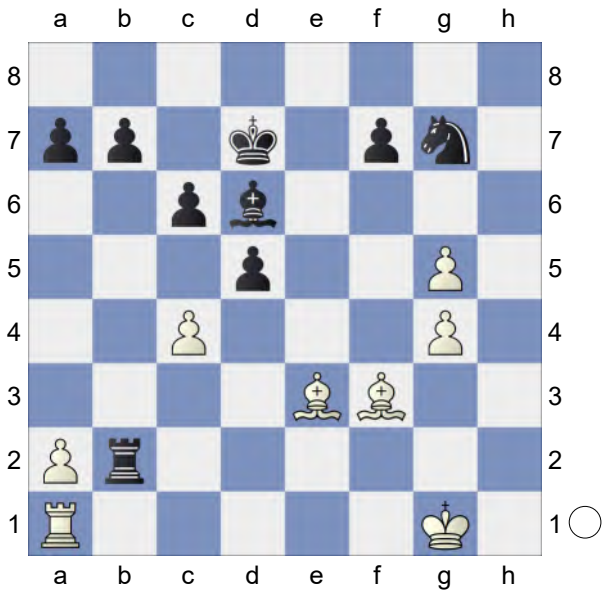
[24.Kg1± 1.38/24]

24...Rxh2+± 25.Kg1 c4-c5 is the strong threat. **25...Rxb2 26.d5** 0.12/22

[26.Rf1± 0.53/23 should be considered.]

26...exd5? 2.04/21

[26...Ne8= 0.12/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]



A mistake that costs the game.

27.Bd4!+-

[27.cxd5 Rb4=]

27...Rb4

[Much worse is 27...Bh2+ 28.Kh1 Rd2 29.Bxg7+-]

28.Bxg7 Rxc4 29.Rf1 Bc5+ 2.40/23

[29...Ke6 1.99/24 might work better. 30.Re1+ Kd7]

30.Kh1 Ke6 3.61/20

[⌓30...Rf4 2.44/24 31.Be5 Rb4]

31.Be2 Rc2 32.Bd3 Rxa2 5.66/19

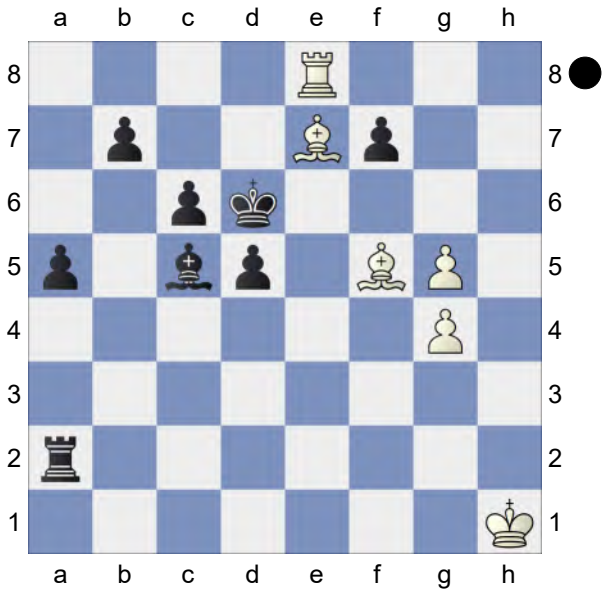
[32...Rd2 3.74/17 was called for.]

33.Bf5+ Ke7 34.Bf6+ Kd6 35.Re1 Dodges Bc5-e3. Black must now prevent Bf6-e7+. **35...Kc7 36.Re8 a5** 8.52/21

[⌓36...Kb6 4.81/20 37.Rd8 d4]

37.Bd8+ This pair of bishops is nice.

37...Kd6 38.Be7+



Skewer, Deflection **38...Ke5 39.Bxc5+ Kf4 40.Bd6+ Kf3 41.Re7 Ra1+ 42.Kh2 Ra2+ 43.Kh3 Ra1 44.Rxf7 Rh1+ 45.Bh2 a4 46.g6** White threatens g6-g7! and mate. **46...a3 47.g7 a2 48.Bb1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.47

[48.g8B a1Q *(48...a1B? 49.Be6+ Ke3 50.Kg2+-)* 49.Bc2+ Ke3∓]

1-0

C06
□ **Ragger,Markus** 2680
■ **Tomczak,Jacek** 2610
European Online CC Final rapid (6.4)
[John Watson,Kitty Kat]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 c5 6.e5 Nfd7 7.c3 Nc6 8.0-0 h5 Used from time to time. The idea is to avoid

[8...g5 9.dxc5 (played in countless games), while still preparing ...g5.]

[8...a5 is the other main move. See the Archives.]

[8...h6!? 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Re1 b6 *(10...g5!?)* 11.Nf1 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nb4 13.Bb1 Ba6 14.Qd1 Bxf1 15.Rxf1± Chandra,A (2536) -Bajarani, U (2458) Tornelo INT 2021]

9.Re1 Played in the great majority of games, with 9 Qe2 the next most popular.

[There's only one game with 9.h4!? , which tries to prevent Black's kingside expansion and potentially secure g5 for a piece, but this deserves more attention. Black has numerous interesting replies, but it's worth noting that Bxh4? *(9...Qb6; 9...a5)* 10.Nxh4 Qxh4 11.Nf3 gives White excellent play for a mere pawn, with space, the bishop pair, better minor pieces, and Black being permanently cramped.]

[9.dxc5 Ndxe5 is easy for Black when he hasn't made the weakening ... g5 move.]

9...cxd4

[9...g5 first is playable, but allows 10.dxc5 , for example, g4 11.Nd4 Ndxe5 12.Bb5 Bd7 13.N2b3 *(13.b4?! Nxd4 14.Bxd7+ Qxd7 15.Rxe5 Nf5∓* was Rakotomaharo,F (2419)-Lagarde,M (2599) Le Blanc Mesnil 2019*; 13.Bxc6! Nxc6 14.N2b3* is perhaps most accurate, with some White advantage but interesting play in store *)* 13...Ng6 14.c4 *(14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bd3 f5!∞ 16.Nd4 e5! 17.Nxf5 Bxc5=)* 14...a6 *(14...dxc4!)* 15.Bxc6 bxc6?! *(15...Bxc6 16.Nxc6 bxc6=)* 16.Bd2 *(16.cxd5 cxd5 17.Bd2±)* Timofeev,A (2578)-Arencibia Rodriguez,W (2508) Cappelle-la-Grande 2004 and 16...0-0 17.cxd5 exd5± was best.]

10.cxd4 g5 The point of Black's play.

11.Nb3 g4 12.Nfd2 Nb4 A good try. Slower moves allow White to consolidate his spatial edge:

[12...a5 13.a4 Nb6 14.Nb1 Nc4 15.Nc3 Qb6 16.Bxc4 dxc4 17.Nd2 Nb4 18.Nxc4 Qc6 19.b3 *(19.Nd6+! Bxd6 20.exd6 Qxd6 21.Bg5+-)* 19...b6 20.Ne4 Ba6 21.Bg5 Bxc4 22.Rc1 Bxb3 23.Qxb3 Qd5 24.Qe3 Qd7 25.Bxe7 Qxe7 26.Nf6+ Kf8 27.Rc4 Rd8 28.Rec1 Nd5 29.Qg5 1-0 Smirin,I (2673)-Cheparinov,I (2576) Mallorca 2004]

[12...Qb6 13.Nf1 Bb4 14.Re2 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.Be3 Qxe5 17.Bb5! Qd6 was Aliavdin,N (2346)-Tomczak,J (2550) Trzcianka 2019 and here 18.Ng3! threatens Nf5 with killing effect, when nothing really defends adequately, e.g., Kf8 19.Rc1 f6 20.a3 Ba5 21.Ne4! Qe7 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Nxf6 , etc.]

13.Bb1

[13.Bf1 Qc7 14.Re3 Qc2 15.Qe2 Qg6 *(15...a5 16.Rc3 Qf5=)* 16.Rc3 0-0 *(16...Nc2 17.Rb1 Nb4= 18.a3?! Na2 19.Rd3 b6∓* Rijnaarts,S (2373)-Kolotilina,L (2136) Llucmajor 2016*)* 17.h3 *(17.a3 Nc6 18.f3 f5∞)* 17...f5

(17...a5∓) 18.exf6 *(18.f4∞)* 18...Nxf6∓ Goh,W (2477)-Injac,T (2325) Lienz 2019]

13...a5 14.a3 Nc6 15.a4 Bb4?!

[15...b6 with the idea ...Ba6/...Nb4 looks more pointed. A sample continuation would be 16.Bd3 Ndb8 *(16...Ba6 17.Bxa6 Rxa6 18.Nb1±)* 17.Nb1 Ba6 18.Nc3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Nb4 20.Qd1 N8c6 , when White has central space, but his bishop is bad. A plan for Black is ...Kd7 and ...Qg8-g6, perhaps followed by a further kingside advance.]

16.Re2 b6 17.Nf1

[17.Bd3 is also attractive, since Ba6 18.Bxa6 Rxa6 19.Nf1 leaves both the rook on a6 and bishop on b4 rather misplaced (stopping ...Ndb8-a6-b4, for example)]

17...Ba6 18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Rc8

[19...Be7!?]

20.Rc2 Be7 21.Bd2 Nb4 22.Bxb4 Bxb4 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Rc1 White has an advantage in space and activity. **24...Qd8 25.Na1!?**

[25.Ng3 has the idea Ne2-f4, e.g., Ke7!? 26.Ne2 Qg8 27.Nf4 Qg5 28.g3 h4 29.Nd2 Qh6 30.Nf1±]

25...Kf8 26.Nc2 Be7 27.Na3?!

[27.Nce3±]

27...Bxa3! 28.Qxa3+ Kg7 29.Qg3?

[29.f4! gxf3 30.Qxf3±]

29...Nf8! 30.h3 Ng6 31.hxg4? Qg5! 32.Qe3

[32.Re1 hxg4 33.Nh2? Qh6!]

32...Qxg4?

[32...Nf4! threatens ...hxg4 and ...Ne2+, but 33.Ng3? Qxg4-+ doesn't help.]

33.Nh2 Qf5 34.Qf3 Nf4!?

[34...Ne7 35.Rc7 Qxf3 36.Nxf3 Nf5=]

35.g3! Nd3 36.Qxf5 exf5 37.Rc2

[37.Rc7!?]

37...h4 38.b3

[38.Nf3 hxg3 39.fxg3 f4! 40.Rd2 Nb4 41.gxf4 Kg6= with the idea ... Kf5.]

38...hxg3 39.fxg3 f4 40.Rc3 fxg3 41.Nf1 Nf4

[41...g2 42.Kxg2 Nf4+ 43.Kf2 Ne6=]

42.Nxg3 Kg6 43.Kf2 Kg5 44.Kf3? Undoubtedly in a time scramble.

[44.Rc7! is equal, e.g., Rh2+ 45.Kf3 Rb2 *(45...Rh7 46.Rb7 Ne6 47.Ne2 Kf5=)* 46.Rxf7 Rxb3+ 47.Kf2 Rb2+ 48.Kf3 Rb3+=]

44...Ne6 Now d4 is vulnerable and Black's pieces are more active than White's. **45.Rd3**

[45.Ke3 Rh3 46.Kf2 Rh4! 47.Ne2 Nxd4-+]

45...Rh4 46.Ke3 Rh3

[46...Rg4!-+ intending 47.Ne2? Re4+ 48.Kd2 Rxe2+! 49.Kxe2 Nf4+-+]

47.Kd2 Rh2+

[47...Nf4∓]

48.Kc3 Nf4 49.Re3 Rg2 50.Nf1?

[50.b4! Ra2! *(50...Kg4 51.bxa5 bxa5 52.Nf1)* 51.bxa5 bxa5 52.Kb3 Rf2∓]

50...Ne2+ 51.Kd2 Nxd4+ 52.Kd3 Nxb3?!

[52...Rg4!]

53.Rf3 Rg4 54.Rxf7

[54.Ne3 Nc5+ 55.Kc2 Rf4]

54...Nc5+ 55.Kc2 Rxa4 56.Nd2 Ra2+ 57.Kd1 Kg4 58.Nf3 Rf2 59.e6 Nxe6 60.Ne5+ Kg3 This is winning with the extra passed pawns. **61.Rd7 Rf5 62.Nd3**

[62.Rxd5 Kf4 63.Nd3+ Ke4 64.Rxf5 Kxf5]

62...Kf3 63.Rd6 Ke3 64.Ne1 Nd4

65.Rxb6 Rf2 66.Rb8 Rd2+ 67.Kc1 Ne2+ 68.Kb1 Rd1+ 69.Kb2 Rxe1 70.Rb5 d4 71.Rxa5 d3
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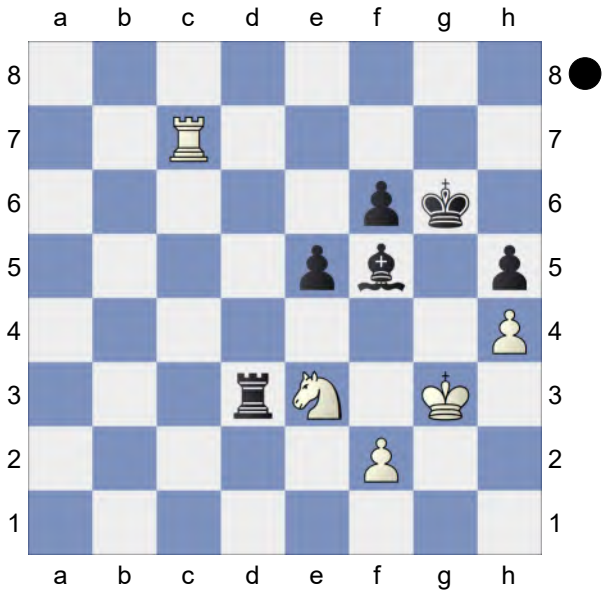
C07

□ **Yu,Yangyi2** **2751**
■ **Rapport,Richard** **2726**
Shenzhen Du Te Cup 3rd (10) 27.04.19
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.Bb5 a6 6.exd5 axb5 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0** Black is slightly better. **9...Nf6** Prevents Nd2-e4. **10.b3N**
[10.Nb3 Bd6 11.Be3 0-0 12.Bc5 Nd5 13.Re1 Pulay-N,N 80/(185) Pardubice 2000]
[10.Qe2 0-0 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.Ne4 Be7 13.Bg5 Nxe4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Qxe4 Bb7 16.Ne5 c5 17.Qe3 Rfd8 18.h3 h6 19.a3 Rd5 20.Rxd5 Bxd5 21.Nd3 Rc8 22.c3 Qb7 23.Nf4 Bb3 24.Re1 Qc6 0-1 Tyomkin,D (2503)-Vydeslaver,A (2448) Beersheba g/30' rapid 2004 (8)]
10...Bd4 -0.02/18
[10...0-0∓ -0.44/24 is more appropriate.]
11.Nxd4= Qxd4 12.Qf3! 0-0
[12...Qxa1 13.Qxc6+ Kd8 14.Qxa8+-]
13.c3 Qd5 14.Qxd5 cxd5 15.Bb2 Bd7 16.c4 bxc4 17.bxc4 dxc4 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Nxc4 Rfb8 20.Rfc1 e5 21.Ne3 Be6 22.a4 Rb4 23.a5 Rb5 24.a6 Rb6 25.a7 Rb7 Dodges Rc1-c7
26.g4
[26.h3 Rbxa7 *(26...Raxa7 27.f3±)* 27.Rxa7 Rxa7]
26...Raxa7
[26...Rbxa7 27.Rxa7 Rxa7 28.Kg2∓]
27.Rxa7 Rxa7 Endgame. KRB-KRN
28.Kg2 Kg7 29.Kg3 Ra3 30.Rc5 Kg6 31.h3 h5 32.Rb5 Kh6 33.Rb8 f5 34.gxf5 Bxf5 35.Rb5 -0.64/27
[35.Kh2= -0.23/24 Bd3 36.Re8]
35...f6∓ 36.Rb7 Kg6 37.Rc7 Rd3 -0.56/24
[37...Rb3∓ -0.97/25]
38.h4? -2.23/23
[White should try 38.Rb7∓ -0.56/24]

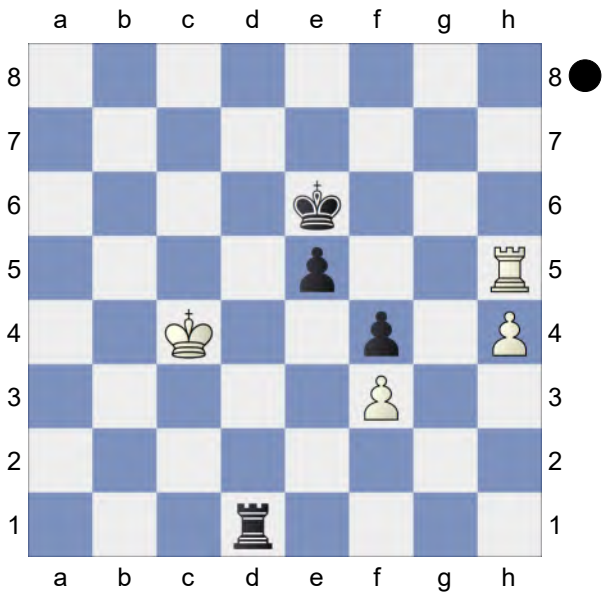


38...Be4!-+ White must now prevent ...f6-f5. **39.Rc5 Rb3 40.Kh2 Bb7 41.Kg3 Ba8 42.Rc8** -3.29/24
[⌓42.Kh3 -2.08/21]
42...Be4 43.Rc5 Kf7 44.Kh2 Ke6 45.Rc8 Rb1 ...f6-f5 would now be deadly. **46.Re8+ Kf7 47.Rd8** -6.62/24
[47.Rc8 -2.17/24]
47...f5 48.Rd1 Rb2 -2.68/19
[48...Rxd1 -7.30/26 49.Nxd1 f4]
49.Kg1 -4.95/25
[49.Nc4 -2.68/19 was the only defense. Rxf2+ 50.Kg3 Rf3+ 51.Kh2]

49...Ke6 50.Ra1 f4 51.Ng2 -8.29/30
[⌓51.Nc4 -5.01/21 Rc2 52.Na5]
51...Kf5 52.Ne1 Rb3 53.Kf1 Rh3 54.Ra7 Bd5
[54...Rxh4? 55.Rf7+ Ke6 56.Rf8-+]
55.Ra5 Rh1+ 56.Ke2 Bc4+ 57.Kd2 Rf1
[Worse is 57...Rxh4 58.Nf3 Rh3 59.Nxe5=]
58.f3 Ke6 59.Ra8 Rf2+ 60.Kc3 Re2? 0.00/51
[60...Bf1-+ -4.37/24 61.Re8+ Kf6 62.Rf8+ Kg6 63.Rg8+ Kf6]
61.Kxc4= Rxe1 KR-KR **62.Re8+ Kf5 63.Rf8+ Ke6 64.Re8+! Kf6 65.Rf8+ Kg7**
[65...Ke6!? 66.Re8+□=]
66.Ra8 Rd1
[66...Re3!? 67.Kd5□ Kf7= *(67...Rxf3 68.Kxe5 Rh3 69.Ra7+ Kg8 70.Ra8+ Kf7 71.Ra7+ Ke8 72.Ra8+ Ke7 73.Kxf4=)*]
67.Re8 Kf6 Strongly threatening ... Rd1-f1. **68.Rf8+ Ke7**
[68...Ke6!? 69.Re8+□ Kf6 70.Rf8+ Kg6=]
69.Rf5? -6.61/32
[69.Rh8= 0.00/31]
69...Ke6-+ 70.Rxh5

(Diagram)

Rf1? 0.00/49
[Black should play 70...Rc1+!-+ -6.09/34 71.Kd3 Re1 72.Rh6+ Kd5]
71.Rh6+= The position is equal. **71...Kf5 72.Rh5+ Kf6**
[72...Ke6!? 73.Rh6+□ Kf5 74.Rh5+ Ke6=]
73.Rh6+ Kf5 74.Rh5+ Ke6 75.Rh6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.27 (precise)
½-½



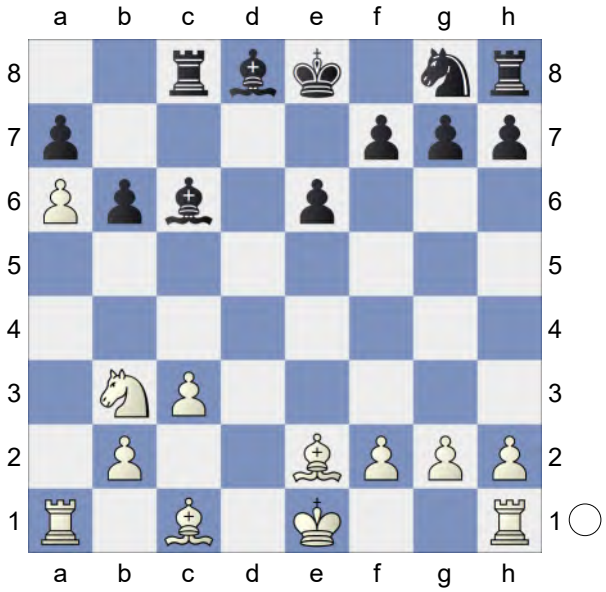
C07
□ **Kobalia,Mihail** **2577**
■ **Grachev,Boris V** **2592**
Yakutsk Sakha Cup (5) 28.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.Nb3 Nc6 8.Nbxd4** 8.Nbxd4 is better than 8.0-0. 8.Sbxd4 ist besser als 8.0-0. **8...Nxd4** White has an edge. **9.Qxd4 Qxd4 10.Nxd4** aiming for Nd4-b5. **10...Bd7 11.Be2N**
[11.0-0 Rc8 12.Bb3 Bc5 13.Be3 Nf6 14.Rad1 Ke7 15.Rfe1 g6 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Rhd8 18.c3 g5 19.Bg3 Kf8 20.h3 Nh5 21.Be5 f6 22.Bh2 Ng7 23.a4 e5 24.Nc2 Be6 25.Bxe6 Nxe6 0-1 Fish,G (2460)-Postny,E (2658) EU-Cup 31st Skopje 2015 (5.2)]
[11.Bf4 Nf6 12.Nb5 Rc8 13.Bd3 a6 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.Bxd6 Bc6 16.f3 Kd7 17.Bg3 Rhd8 18.0-0-0 Ke7 19.Rd2 b5 20.Rhd1 Rd5 21.a4 h6

22.axb5 axb5 23.Bf1 Rcd8 24.Rxd5 Rxd5 25.Rxd5 Nxd5 ½-½ Schimnatkowski,L (2235)-Hirzel, C (2116) Dortmund Sparkassen op-A 51st 2024 (5)]

11...Rc8 12.c3 Bc5 13.Nb3 With the idea Nb3xc5. **13...Bb6 14.a4 a6N**

[Predecessor: 14...Bc6 0.59/21 14...a7-a5 0.06 15.a5 Bd8 1.04/23 *(15...Bc7± 0.64/25)* 16.a6 b6



17.Nd4! Black must now prevent Nd4xc6. Ne7 18.0-0 0-0 19.Rd1 e5 1.91/25 Wards off Bc1-f4 *(19...Be8± 1.17/22)* 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 1-0 Harika,D (2521)-Stefansson,V (2341) Reykjavik op 2017 (6)]

15.a5 Ba7 16.Bf3 Bc6 0.24/23

[⌓16...Ne7 -0.14/22]

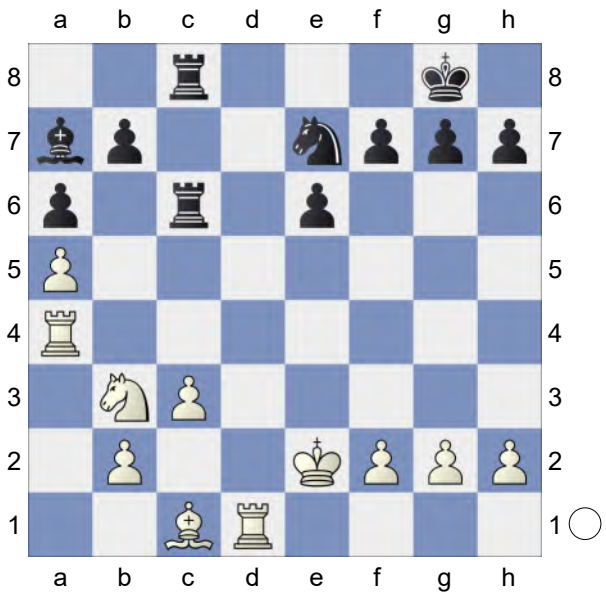
17.Bxc6+= Rxc6 18.Ra4 Ne7 19.Ke2 0-0 20.Rd1 Rfc8 0.82/26

[20...Nd5± 0.31/24]

(Diagram)

21.Nd4 0.23/25

[White should try 21.Rb4!± 0.82/26 b5



22.axb6 Bxb6 23.Nd4 Bxd4 24.Rdxd4 *(24.Rbxd4 Nd5±)*]

21...Bxd4 22.Rdxd4 f6 23.Rd7 R6c7 The position is equal. **24.Rd6 Kf7 25.Re4 Nc6 26.Rdxe6 Nxa5** Threatens to win with ...f6-f5. **27.Rd6 Re7 28.Rxe7+ Kxe7** Endgame. KRB-KRN **29.Rd4 Rc6 30.Rg4 Kf7 31.Ra4 Nc4 32.b3 b5 33.Ra2 Ne5 34.Bd2 g5 35.f4 gxf4 36.Bxf4 Rxc3 37.Bxe5 fxe5 38.Rxa6 Rxb3** KR-KR **39.Rh6 b4 40.Rxh7+ Kg6 41.Rb7 Rb1 42.Kd3 b3 43.Kc3 Rc1+ 44.Kb2 Rg1 45.Rxb3 Rxg2+ 46.Kc1 Kf5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

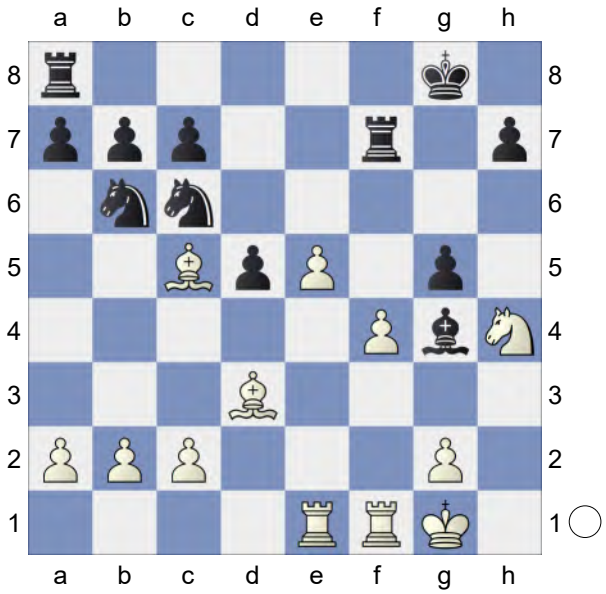
½-½

		C04
□	**Ganguly,Surya Shekhar**	**2609**
■	**Sethuraman,S P**	**2619**
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 152/2		2022

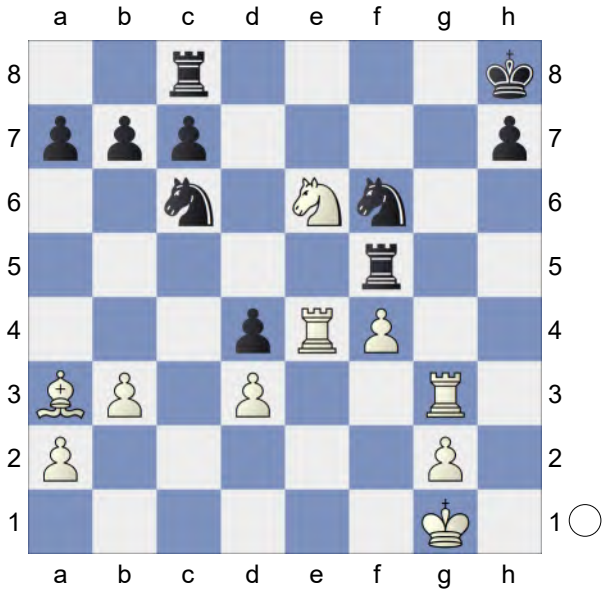
[Kitty Kat]

C04: French Tarrasch: 3...Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.Be2 f6 7.exf6 Qxf6 8.Nf1 Bd6**

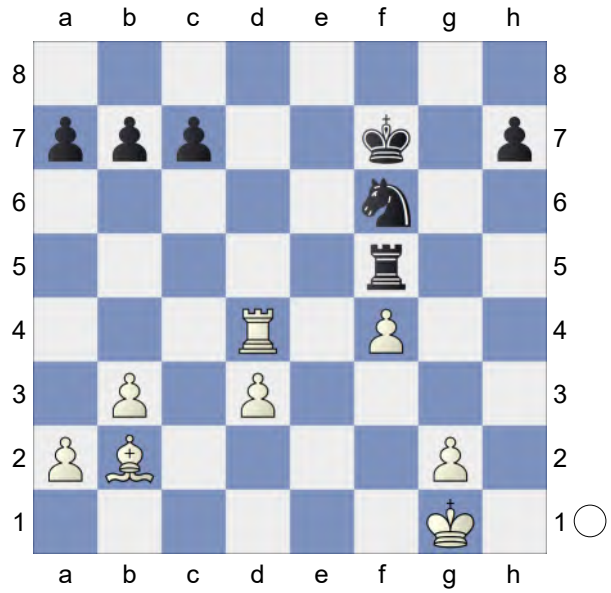
9.Ne3 0-0 10.0-0 Nb6 1.26/20
[Black should try 10...Kh8 0.74/21]
[10...Qg6 11.c3 *(11.c4 Nf6 12.Re1 Bd7 13.Qb3 a5 14.c5 Bf4 15.g3 Ne4 16.Ng2 Bxc1 17.Raxc1 Qf6 18.Rcd1 g5 19.Ne3 a4 20.Qd3 h5 21.h3 Nb4 22.Qb1 Bb5 23.Bxb5 Qxf3 24.Re2 Rf6 25.Rf1 c6* 1-0 Druska,J (2473)-Pacher,M (2382) SVK-ch Bratislava 2023 (6)*)* 11...Nf6 12.Bd3 Qh5 13.Re1 Bd7 14.Nf1 Ng4 15.h3 Nxf2 16.Kxf2 e5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Rxe5 Bxe5 19.Be2 c6 20.Kg1 Bc7 21.Be3 Rae8 22.N3d2 Qh4 23.Qe1 Qf6 24.Nf3 Qg6 25.Kh1 0-1 El Debs,F (2499)-Sasikiran,K (2690) Gibraltar Masters 9th 2011 (7)]
11.Ng4N
[11.h3 Bd7 12.Ng4 Qe7 13.Re1 Rae8 14.Bd3 Rxf3 15.Qxf3 Nxd4 16.Qd1 e5 17.Ne3 Rf8 18.c3 Nc6 19.Nxd5 Qf7 20.Nxb6 Qxf2+ 21.Kh1 Bxh3 22.gxh3 e4 23.Qe2 Qh4 24.Bc4+ Kh8 25.Qe3 Bg3 0-1 Pazos,P (2366)-Fandino,R (2187) mem Mixto Havana CUB 1999 (12)]
11...Qg6 12.h3 e5 White is clearly better. **13.Ngxe5**
[13.dxe5?! Bxg4 14.exd6 Bxh3±]
13...Bxe5 14.dxe5
[14.Bd3 Qf6 15.dxe5 *(15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qxe5±)* 15...Nxe5±]
14...Bxh3 15.Nh4 1.20/21
[⌓15.Ng5 1.58/25 Strongly threatening Be2-h5. Bc8 16.f4]
15...Qe4 16.f4 Qd4+ 17.Qxd4 Nxd4 18.Bd3 0.79/21
[⌓18.Bd1! 1.24/23 Nf5 19.Kh2 Nxh4 20.Kxh3 *(20.gxh3 Nd7±)*]
18...Bg4 19.Be3 Nc6 20.Bc5 Rf7 21.Rae1 Threatens to win with e5-e6.
21...g5 1.67/19



22.e6!↑ White is on the roll.
[Don't play 22.fxg5?! Rxf1+ 23.Bxf1 *(23.Kxf1 Nd7±)* 23...Nd7±]
22...Bxe6 23.Nf3 Bf5 24.Nxg5
[Don't do 24.fxg5?! Nd7 25.Bxf5 Rxf5±]
24...Bxd3 25.cxd3 aiming for Bc5xb6!
25...Rf6 26.Ne6 Rc8 27.b3 Nd7 ...Rf6xe6! is the strong threat. **28.Ba3 d4 29.Re4 Rf5 30.Rf3** White has more active pieces. **30...Nf6** 2.76/26
[30...Kf7± 1.58/23]
31.Rg3+ Kh8



32.Bb2! Rg8
[32...Nxe4? is the wrong capture. 33.dxe4 Rf7 34.Nxd4+-]
33.Nxd4 Nxd4 34.Rxg8+ Kxg8 35.Rxd4 Endgame. Black must now prevent Rd4-d8+. KRB-KRN **35...Kf7** 1.93/23
[35...Nd5± 1.25/22]



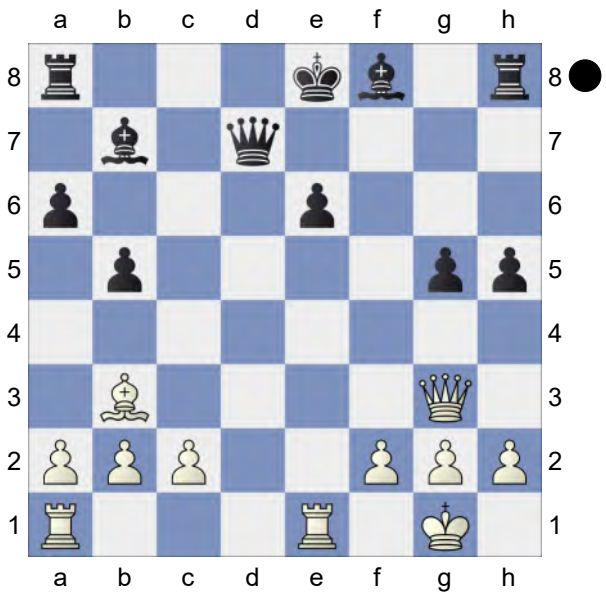
36.Kf2! h5 2.40/20
[36...Nd5 1.96/21 was called for.]
37.Kf3 Ra5 3.37/21
[37...Ke7 2.25/22 is a better defense. 38.Ra4 a6 39.Bxf6+ Kxf6]
38.a4 Ke6 39.Rb4 Nd5 40.Rxb7 White is clearly winning. **40...Rc5 41.Rxa7 Rc2 42.Be5 Rd2 43.Ke4** And now f4-f5+ would win. **43...Re2+ 44.Kd4 Ne7 45.Rxc7 Rxg2 46.Rc1 Nf5+ 47.Kc5 Ng3 48.d4 Kf5 49.d5 h4 50.d6 Rd2 51.Kc6 h3 52.d7 Ke6 53.Re1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.31
1-0

C07
□ **Engel,Luis** **2547**
■ **Cheng,Bobby Sky** **2572**
Bundesliga 2324 (5.4) 13.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 Nf6** White has an edge. **9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6** Inhibits Bc4-b5. **11.Re1 b5 12.Bb3 Bb7! 13.Bg5 Ne4! 14.Bh4** -1.25/20
[14.Bf4= 0.24/22 keeps the balance.]
14...g5!∓ 15.Bg3 Nxg3
[15...Bg7 16.c3 0-0 17.Nf3 Qxd1 18.Raxd1 Nxg3 19.hxg3 h6 20.Rd7 Bc6 21.Rd6 Rfc8 22.Ne5 Be8 Mamedov,R (2650)-Wang,H (2717) Huai'an (rapid) 128/(91) 2016]
16.Nxe6N -1.66/24
[16.hxg3∓ -1.07/22 keeps fighting. 0-0-0 17.c3 h5 18.a4 h4 19.axb5 axb5 20.Qg4 hxg3 21.Nxe6 *(21.fxg3 Bc5 22.Rad1 Qc6 23.Rd2 Rh6 24.Bd1 f5 25.Qxg5 Rxd4 26.cxd4 Bxd4+ 27.Re3 Qe4 28.Rde2 Rh8 29.Bc2 Qe5 30.Bd3 Kb8 31.Kf2 Qd5 32.Kg1 e5 33.Bxf5 Rg8 34.Qh6 Rxg3 35.Kf2 Bxe3+* 0-1 Spens,W (2578)-Campos,J (2620) EU-ch M940 corr 1990*)* 21...gxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Bc5+ 0-1 Ganguly,S (2658)-Peralta,F (2566) Espana 142/(90) 2019]
16...fxe6-+ 17.Qg4 h5! 18.Qxg3
[18.Rxe6+ Be7 19.Qxg3 0-0-0-+]

(Diagram)

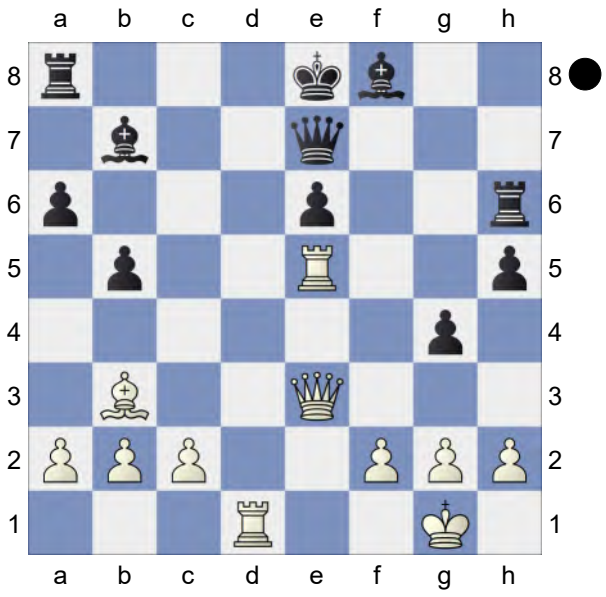
18...Rh6! White must now prevent ... 0-0-0. **19.Rad1 Qe7 20.Re5** -1.94/20



[20.c4∓ -1.23/21]

20...g4 21.Qe3 -2.38/21

[⌓21.h4 -1.85/21]



21...Kf7 -1.28/19

[Black should play 21...Rd8!-+ -2.38/21 22.Re1 Bd5]

22.Rf5+ -1.89/23

[22.Re1∓ -1.28/19 is a better defense. Bc8 23.h3]

22...Kg8 -1.44/18

[Black should try 22...Ke8-+ -1.89/23 23.Re5 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Kxd8]

23.Qf4 -2.63/21

[23.Rxf8+∓ -1.44/18 Qxf8 24.Rd7]

23...Bg7 24.Re1 Re8 25.Kf1 Bc8 26.Ree5 Rf8

[Less strong is 26...Bxe5 27.Qxh6 Bg7 *(27...Bxh2 28.Qg6+ Qg7 29.Qxe8+ Kh7 30.Rxh5+; 27...Bxb2? 28.Rxh5 Qf7 29.Rg5+ Bg7 30.Rxg4-+)* 28.Qxh5-+]

27.Rxf8+ Qxf8 28.Rf5 Qd8 29.Ke2 Inhibits Qd8-d1+. **29...Rf6** Strongly threatening ...Bg7-h6. Pin

[29...Qd4 30.Rf8+ Kh7 31.Qxd4 Bxd4 32.Rxc8±]

30.Qg5 Black has a decisive advantage.

30...Qf8 31.Rxf6 Qxf6 32.Qxh5 Qe5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.12 (very precise)

[Worse is 32...Qxb2 33.Qe8+ *(33.Qxg4?* is the wrong capture. *Qe5+ 34.Kd2 Kf8-+)* 33...Kh7 34.Qxc8 Qe5+ 35.Kf1=]

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C07

□ **Kadric,Denis** **2561**

■ **Piorun,Kacper** **2611**

Bundesliga 2223 (13.1) 02.04.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qe2 Ne7 10.e5 Bc7** White has an edge.

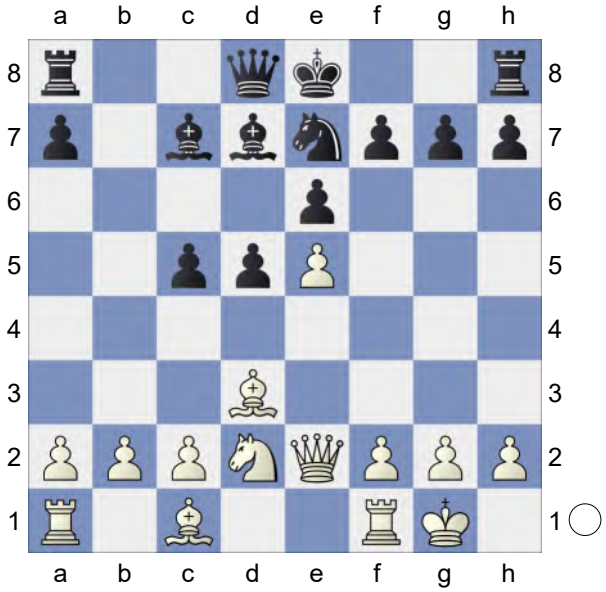
11.0-0 c5N

[11...0-0

A) 12.f4 f6 13.Nf3 f5 *(13...Qe8 14.exf6 gxf6 15.b3 Qh5 16.Ba3 Rf7 17.Nd4 Qxe2 18.Nxe2 Rg7 19.Ng3 Kf7 20.Nh5 Rgg8 21.Bb2 Bb6+ 22.Kh1 d4 23.c3 c5*

24.cxd4 cxd4 25.Ng3 Bc6 26.Rf2 Bd5 27.Rd1 Rgd8 28.Rfd2 0-1 Shetty,A (2030)-Tsay,V (2353) Chesterfield SPICE Cup op 2023 (1) *)* 14.Be3 Bb6 15.Kh1 c5 16.c4 d4 17.Bd2 Bc6 18.Ng5 Qd7 19.b4 h6 20.Nh3 Qb7 21.Rab1 Qd7 22.Be1 Rab8 23.b5 Bb7 24.a4 Qc7 25.Qd2 a5 26.Qf2 Nc8 0-1 Schnaider,I (2218)-Chan,L (2181) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Early blitz 2023 (8);

B) 12.b3 c5 13.c4 Bc6 14.Bb2 Ng6 15.f4 a5 16.cxd5 Bxd5 17.Ba3 f6 18.Bxc5 Bb6 19.Bxb6 Qxb6+ 20.Qf2 Qxf2+ 21.Rxf2 fxe5 22.Bxg6 hxg6 23.fxe5 Rf5 24.Re1 Raf8 *(24...a4 25.g4 Rff8 26.Ne4 axb3 27.axb3 Bxb3 28.Ng5* #8 37. French 3...c5 − 5...Nc6-8... Bd6 9. Qe2 Ne7*)* 25.Rfe2 Rc8 26.Nf1 #9 37. French 3...c5 − 5...Nc6-8... Bd6 9. Qe2 Ne7]



And now ...c5-c4 would win. is more profitable than 11...Ng6 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 11...Sg6. **12.c4 Bc6 13.f4N**

[Predecessor: 13.Nf3 -0.13/20 13.b2-b3 0.33 dxc4 14.Bxc4 0-0 15.Be3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Hoping for Rf1-d1. Bxe5 Strongly threatening ... Ne7-f5. 17.Bxc5 Qc7 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Qe2 0-1 (54) Niemann,H (2687)-Carlsen,M (2864) Miami 2022]

13...Nf5 14.cxd5 Qxd5 15.Be4 Qd7 16.Bxc6 -0.11/14

[16.Bxf5± 0.38/16 exf5 17.Nc4]

16...Qxc6= The position is equal.

17.Qe4 Qxe4

[17...Qd5 with more complications. 18.Qa4+ Ke7 19.Nc4 Rhd8]

18.Nxe4 h5 19.Bd2 Rd8 20.Rac1 Rd4 21.Rfe1

[21.Nxc5? perishes. Rxd2 22.Ne4 Bb6+ *(22...Rxb2 23.Rxc7 0-0 24.Rf2=)* 23.Kh1 h4 *(23...Rxb2? 24.Rc8+ Bd8 25.Rd1-+)* 24.Rc8+ *(24.Nxd2? Ng3+ 25.hxg3 hxg3#)* 24...Rd8-+]

[21.Rxc5? Bb6 22.Ba5 0-0-+ *(22...Rxe4 23.Bxb6 0-0 24.Ba5=)*]

21...0-0 22.Kf1

[22.Rxc5? too greedy. Bb6 23.Bc3 Rc4-+ *(23...Rxe4? 24.Rxe4 Bxc5+ 25.Kf1-+)*]

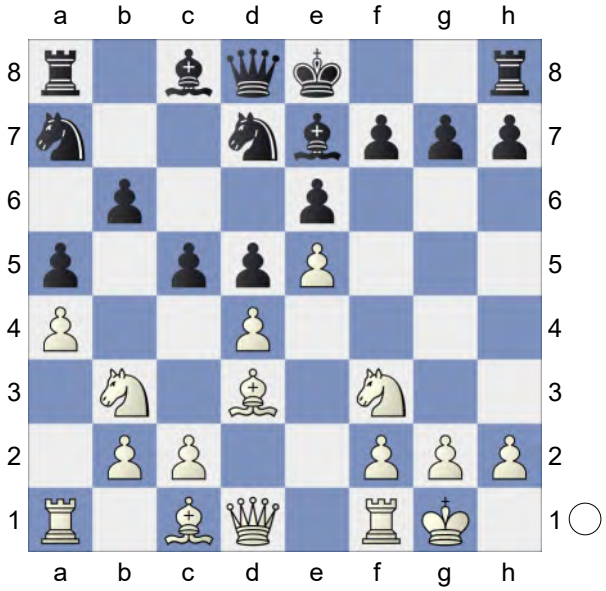
22...Bb6 23.b3 Rfd8 24.Rc2

Not much happened in this game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)

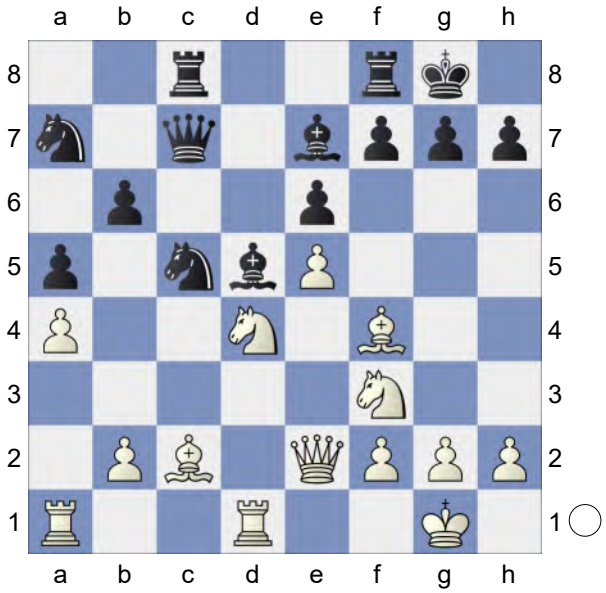
½-½

C04
□ **Drygalov,Sergey** **2547**
■ **Fressinet,Laurent** **2630**
ChessKid Cup Play In blitz (7) 01.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C04: French Tarrasch: 3...Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.Nb3 a5 7.a4 Be7 8.Bb5 Na7 9.Bd3** White is more active.
[9.Nxa5 c6 10.Bd3 Qxa5+∓]
9...b6 10.0-0 c5
[10...0-0 11.c3 c5 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Re1 Nc6 14.h4 Nf8 15.h5 c4 16.Nbd2 f5 17.exf6 gxf6 18.Nf1 Ra7 19.Bh6 Bd6 20.Ne3 Kh8 21.g3 Qd7 22.Nh4 Qf7 23.Qf3 Ne7 24.Ng4 Ng8 25.Bxf8 1-0 Loheac Amoun,F (2515)-Jakrlin,M (2455) URS Army-chT 1987 (10)]



Strongly threatening ...c5-c4. **11.c4** White is slightly better. **11...Bb7 12.Bf4 Rc8N**
[12...0-0 13.Qc2 h6 14.cxd5 Bxd5 15.Be4 Nc6 16.Bxd5 Nb4 17.Qe4 Nxd5 18.Rfd1 c4 19.Nc1 c3 20.b3 b5 21.axb5 Qb6 22.Ne1 f5 23.exf6 N7xf6 24.Qf3 Nh7 25.g3 g5 26.Ned3 gxf4 27.Qg4+ 0-1 Ebert,L (2262)-Voiculescu (2477) (ol) 97/203 Torino 2006 (1) Ng5 28.gxf4 Nxf4 29.h4 c2 30.Re1 h5 31.Qg3 Nfh3+ 32.Kh1 Bd6 33.f4 Qb7+ 34.Qg2 Qxg2+ 35.Kxg2 Nxf4+ 36.Nxf4 Rxf4 37.hxg5 Raf8 38.Ne2 Rg4+ 39.Kh1 Rh4+ 40.Kg1 Rg4+ 41.Kh1 Rf2 ½-½ Daulyte,D (2360)-Jarocka,L (2208) EU-Cup (Women) 27th 2023 (3.3)]
13.Qe2 0-0 14.Rfd1 cxd4 15.Nbxd4 Nc5 16.Bc2 Qc7 1.73/21
[16...Rc7± 0.55/20]
17.cxd5+- Bxd5



18.Bg5? -0.22/22
[18.Ng5!± 1.29/22 Bxg5 19.Bxg5]
18...Rfd8= 19.Rac1 h6 ...Bd5xf3! is the strong threat. **20.Bf4 Qb7 21.Qe3 Bf8 22.h4 Nc6 23.Nb5 Nb4 24.Bb1 Nxa4** -0.27/21
[24...Bxf3∓ -0.85/24 25.gxf3 Nxa4 26.Rxd8 Rxd8]
25.Nd6 Bxd6 26.exd6
And now Rc1xc8 would win.
[26.Rxc8 seems wilder. Rxc8 27.exd6 Nxb2 28.Bxh6 f6 29.Rd4]

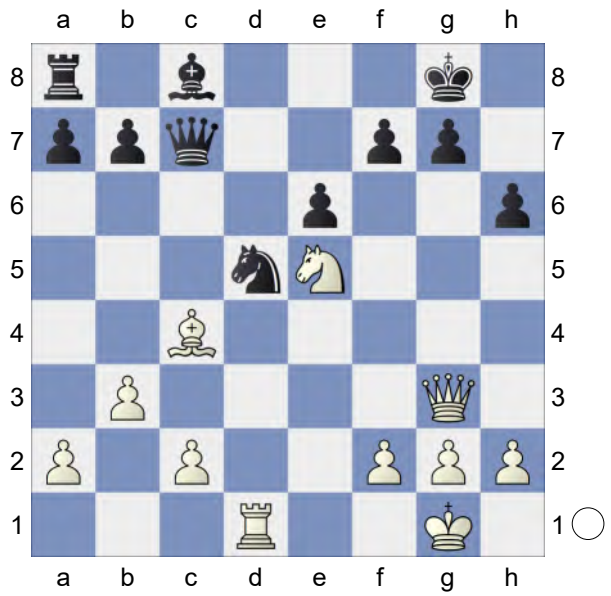
26...Nxb2 27.Bxh6 A strong pair of Bishops. **27...Nxd1?** 3.38/31
[27...gxh6 28.Ne5 f5 *(28...Nxd1? 29.Qg3+ Kh8 30.Rxc8+-; 28...Rxd6? 29.Rxc8+ Qxc8 30.Qxh6+-)* 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.d7=]
[27...f6!= -0.23/20 28.Rxc8 Rxc8 *(28...Qxc8 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Ne5+-)*]
28.Rxd1?? -3.29/20
[28.Rxc8+- 3.38/31 Rxc8 *(28...Qxc8 29.Qg5 g6 30.Bxg6* Demolition *fxg6 31.Qxg6+ Kh8 32.Qg7#)* 29.Qg5]
28...gxh6-+ 29.Qxh6 -4.71/21
[⌓29.Nd4 -3.20/19]
29...f5 Black is clearly winning.
[29...Rxd6 30.Bh7+ Kh8 31.Ne5±]
[29...Bxf3 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Qh8#]
30.Rxd5 Nxd5
[And not 30...Qxd5 31.Qg6+ Kh8 32.Qh6+ Kg8 33.Qg6+ Kh8 34.Qh6+ Kg8=]
31.Ne5 -7.63/19
[⌓31.Qg6+ -5.01/20 Qg7 *(31...Kf8? 32.Ng5-+)* 32.Qxe6+ Qf7 33.Qe5]
31...Rxd6 Threatens to win with ...Qb7-g7. **32.Bxf5 exf5 33.Qxd6 Nf4 34.Nf3 Qc7 35.Qf6 Qg7** What a bad dream for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/Black=0.26 (precise). An unexpected result.
½-½

C07
□ **Durarbayli,Vasif** **2627**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2544**
Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

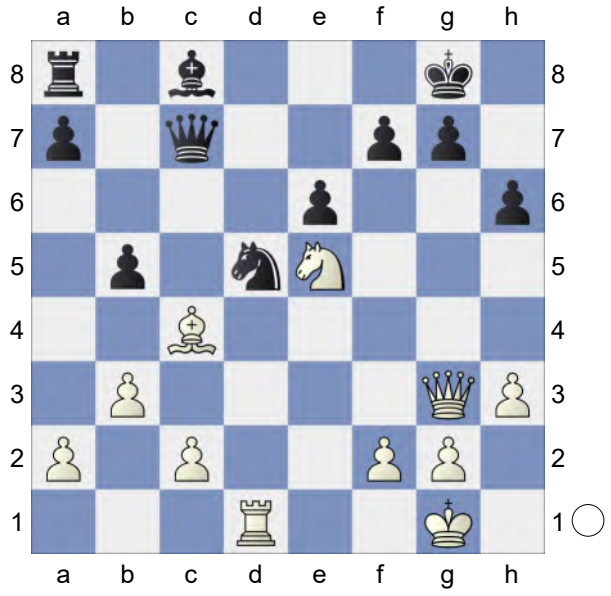
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 Nf6** The position is equal.
[8...a6 simplifies 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Bd7]
9.Nbxd4
[9.Nfxd4 simplifies Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1]
9...Bc5 10.Nxc6 Qxc6 11.Ne5 Qb6 12.b3
[12.Qe2 0-0 13.Bd3 Nd5 14.Qe4 f5 15.Qe2 Qc7 16.Bc4 Bd6 17.Nf3 Bd7 18.Bxd5 exd5 19.Be3 f4 20.Bd4 Bf5 21.Bc3 Rae8 22.Qd2 Be4 23.Rad1 h6 24.Rfe1 Qf7 25.Qd4 b6 26.Bb4 Bxb4 1-0 Caruana,F (2842)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2767) Candidates Tournament 2020 (8)]
12...0-0 13.Bb2 Inhibits Bc5-d4.
13...Qc7N 0.93/21
[13...Rd8!± 0.57/21 14.Qf3 Bd7 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.Qg4 Bf8 17.Rae1 Nc5 18.Re3 g6 19.Qg5 Nd7 20.Rf3 Qd6 21.Rd3 Qe7 22.Qa5 Nb6 23.Qe5 f6 24.Bxe6+ Kg7 25.Rf3 Nd5 26.Qe4 1-0 Gharamian,T (2647)-Martynov,P (2376) Lille Luce op 6th 2015 (2)]
14.Re1 0.36/22
[14.Qf3± 0.93/21]
14...Rd8 15.Qf3 Bd4 1.09/24
[15...b6!± 0.39/20]
16.Bxd4± Rxd4 17.Rad1 Rxd1 18.Rxd1
[18.Qxd1?! Bd7=]
18...h6 19.Qg3 0.34/21 White has more active pieces.
[White should try 19.Qf4± 1.22/21]
19...Nd5 1.76/28

(Diagram)

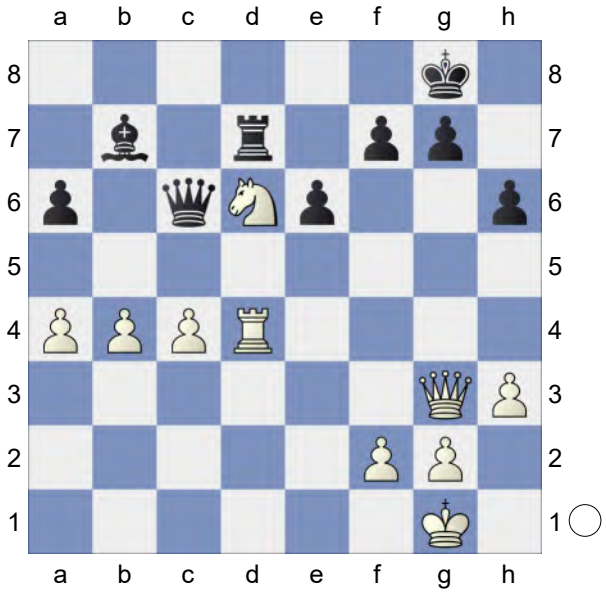
20.h3 1.20/24
[Better is 20.h4!+- 1.76/28]



20...b5? 3.21/23



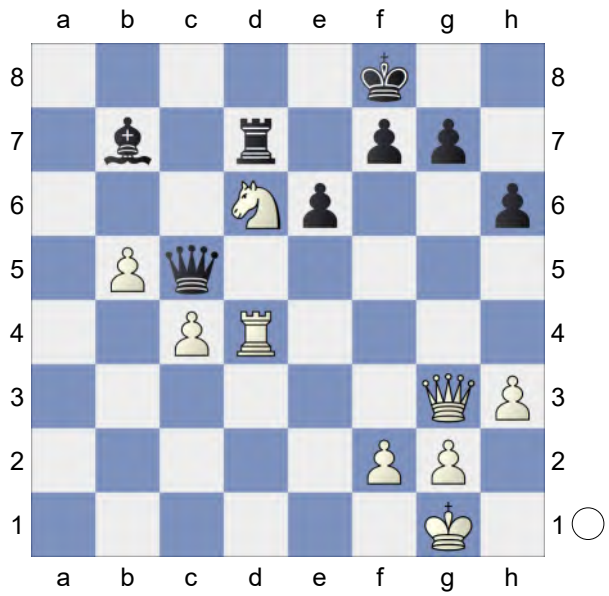
21.Rxd5!+-
[21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Rxd5 Be6 23.Rxb5 Qxc2±]
[21.Bxb5 Nc3 22.Ng6 *(22.Qf3? Bb7-+)* 22...Qxg3 *(22...Nxb5? 23.Qxc7* Remove Defender *Nxc7 24.Rd8++-)* 23.Rd8+ Kh7 24.Nf8+ Kg8 25.Nd7+ Kh7 26.Nf8+ Kh8 *(26...Kg8 27.Nd7+ Kh7 28.Nf8+=)* 27.fxg3 *(27.Ng6+ Kh7=)* 27...Nxb5=]
21...bxc4
[21...exd5? 22.Bxd5 Qxc2 23.Bxa8+-]
22.Nxc4 Qe7 3.31/24 Black is weak on the dark squares
[⌓22...Qxg3 2.30/23 23.Rd8+ Zwischenzug Kh7 24.fxg3 Bb7 25.Rxa8 Bxa8]
23.Rd1 Bb7 24.Nd6 Prevents Bb7-e4
24...Rd8 25.c4 Qc7 3.73/24
[⌓25...Bc6 2.63/22 26.a3 h5]
26.b4 a6 27.Rd4 Rd7 28.a4 Qc6? 6.46/23
[28...Be4 3.41/22 29.b5 *(29.Nxe4? Qxg3 30.Rxd7 Qb3-+)* 29...Bb7]



29.Ne8! White is clearly winning.
29...Kf8 30.b5
[30.Qxg7+ Kxe8 31.b5 Qc7∓]
30...axb5 31.axb5 Qc8 32.Nd6
[Weaker is 32.Qxg7+ Kxe8 33.Qxh6 Rxd4±]
32...Qc5

(Diagram)

33.Nf5 Discovered Attack **33...Rxd4**
[33...Ke8 34.Qb8+]
34.Qxg7+ Ke8 35.Qh8+ Weighted



Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) / Black=0.57

[Not 35.Nxd4 Qxc4 36.Qg8+ Ke7+-]

[Inferior is 35.Qxd4 Qxf5 36.Qa7 Qe4=]

1-0

C07

□ **Adams,Michael** **2694**

■ **Saric,Ivan** **2667**

EU-chT 22nd Batumi (6.1) 30.10.2019

[Sam Collins,Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Ngf3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qc6 8.Qe2 a6** Prevents Bc4-b5.

[8...0-0]

[8...Nbd7]

9.Nb3 It's likely that Adams picked up this move from his compatriot and teammate Gawain Jones, who used it a couple of times this year.

[9.b3 -0.12/23 9.a2-a3 0.28 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7 0.47/21 *(10...0-0= 0.06/21)* 11.a4± b4 12.Nc4 Qc7 Wards off Nc4-a5 13.Bb2 Nbd7 14.0-0-0 0.17/22 *(14.Nfe5!± 0.66/23)* 14...0-0 0.55/21 *(14...Be7= 0.17/22* might be stronger.*)* 15.Nfe5± Nd5 1.67/22 *(15...Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Qe7; 15...Rad8± 0.60/25)* 16.Nxd7+- Qxd7 17.Na5

A) 17...Bc8 18.Qh5 1.39/21 *(*White should try *18.Qe4+-* 1.75/25 *f5 19.Qf3)* 18...g6 1.84/21 *(18...h6±* 1.39/21 might work better. *)* 19.Qf3!;

B) 17...Rfe8 18.Nxb7 1.03/19 *(18.Qe4+-* 1.92/19 *g6 19.Bc4)* 18...Qxb7± 19.Qe4 g6 20.h4]

[9.0-0 0-0 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.c3 h6 12.Rd1 Re8 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Qc7 15.Bc2 e5 16.Nd2 Nf6 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Be6 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 Rad8 21.Qa7 Bc8 22.Qe3 Be6 23.Qa7 Bc8 ½-½ Balogh,C (2664)-Le,Q (2703) 6th SPICE Cup GM 2012 (4)]

9...Bd6 White has an edge. **10.Bg5**

[10.Nbd4 -0.09/24 10.Bc1-g5 0.27

A) 10...Qe4 0.65/14 10...Qc6-c7 0.12 11.Be3! Bd7 1.77/25 *(11...b5±* 0.73/22 keeps fighting. *12.Bd3 Qd5)* 12.0-0-0 0.98/20 *(12.Ng5!+-* 1.77/25 *Qg4 13.Qd2)* 12...Bf4± 13.Bd3 Bxe3+ 14.fxe3 Qg4 15.Ne5 0.23/20 *(* Better is *15.Kb1±* 1.00/22 *)* 15...Qxe2= 16.Bxe2;

B) 10...Qc7]

10...Nbd7 0.57/24

[10...Qc7= 0.16/24 is more appropriate.]

11.Nbd4 -0.06/21

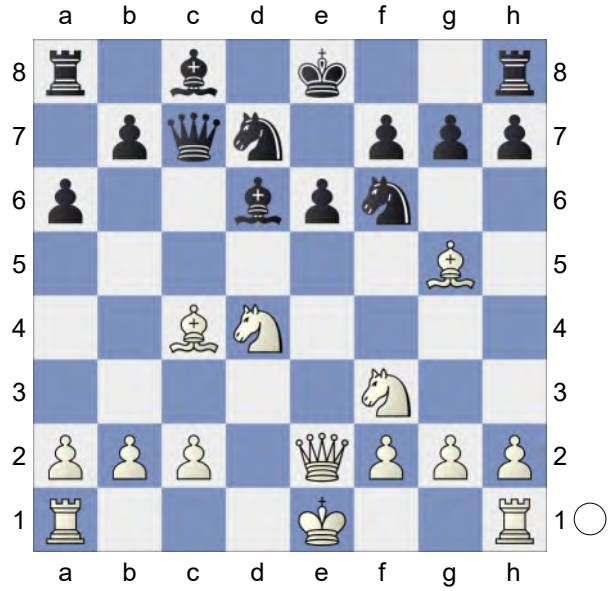
[White should play 11.0-0-0± 0.57/24 Qc7 12.Rd4]

11...Qc7N 2.63/22

[11...Qe4?! 12.Be3 *(12.0-0-0!?*

followed by play on the c-file. Hoping for Nd4xe6! The immediate *Qxe2!* is more popular, forcing Black to recapture with the b7-pawn. *13.Bxe2* was analysed as the critical try by Dave Smerdon in his notes to V. Nozdrachev - A.Motylev, Sergievsky Memorial rapid 2016 (0-1 in 63). Strongly threatening Nd4xe6! *Bc5; 12.0-0 h6 13.Be3 0-0 14.Rfd1 Re8* 6. Tarrasch Variation 3.c5-5.dxc5*)* 12...b5 *(12...0-0 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Ng5 Qb7± 15.Bb3)* 13.Bd3 *(13.Ng5!? Qxg2 14.0-0-0 bxc4 15.Ndf3∓)* 13...Qb7 G.Jones - Q.Le, Saint Louis 2019 (1/2-1/2 in 81) 14.a4! gives White the better chances, for example b4]

[11...Qe4= -0.06/21 and Black stays safe.]



12.Nxe6!+- fxe6 13.Qxe6+ Be7? 4.57/22

[13...Kd8 14.0-0-0 Bf4+ 15.Kb1± was played in P.Darini - M.Antipov, Qingdao 2019 (0-1 in 78). I find this position pretty tough to assess, since Stockfish claims a white advantage despite the black bishop pair. Certainly White's play seems easier, based on b3 to create queenside targets. Bxg5!? 16.Nxg5 Qc5 17.Nf7+ Kc7 And now ...Nd7-b6 would win. 18.Nxh8 O.Abdulov - N. Abasov, Baku 2017 (0-1 in 39). Threatens to win with Rh1-e1. Ne5!?∞ 19.Rd5! Bxe6 20.Rxc5+ Kd6 21.Bxe6 *(21.Rxe5 Bxc4 22.Rg5 Rxh8 23.Rxg7=* G.Jones - D.Gukesh, Douglas 2019 (1/2-1/2 in 37)*.)* 21...Kxc5 22.Nf7 Nxf7 23.Bxf7]

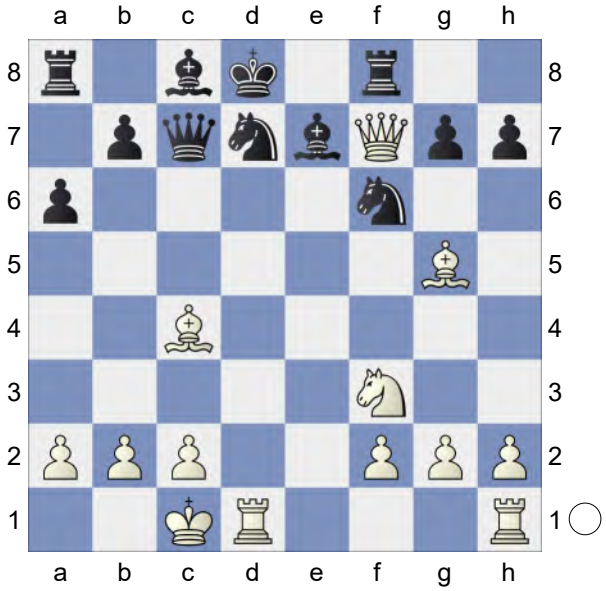
[13...Kd8 2.70/27 was necessary. 14.0-0-0 Bf4+ *(14...Re8? 15.Qxd6 Qxc4 16.Bxf6+ gxf6 17.Qxf6+ Re7 18.Rhe1+-)* 15.Kb1 Bxg5]

14.Qf7+ White is clearly winning.

14...Kd8 White must now prevent ...Rh8-f8. **15.0-0-0**

[15.Qxg7 Re8 16.0-0-0 Qxc4=]

15...Rf8



16.Nd4! Rxf7 17.Ne6+ Deflection, Zwischenzug, Double Attack

[Weaker is 17.Bxf7 Bd6 18.Ne6+ Ke7 19.Nxc7 Bxc7±]

17...Ke8 Inviting a repetition, which Adams accepts. It's hard to believe that

Black can be at all worse in this position. **18.Nxc7+ Kf8 19.Bxf7**
[Don't do 19.Nxa8 Ne8 20.Bxe7+ Rxe7]
19...Ra7 20.Be6 b5 21.Nd5 Nb6!? is a decent option, suggested by Stockfish. **22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Bxc8** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.61. An unexpected result.
½-½

C07

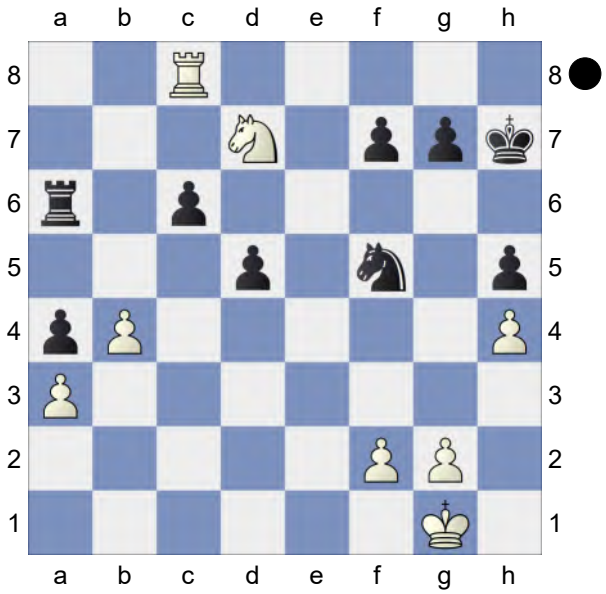
□ **Neugebauer,Martin** **2529**
■ **Gumularz,Szymon** **2581**
Bundesliga 2324 (12.3) 16.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

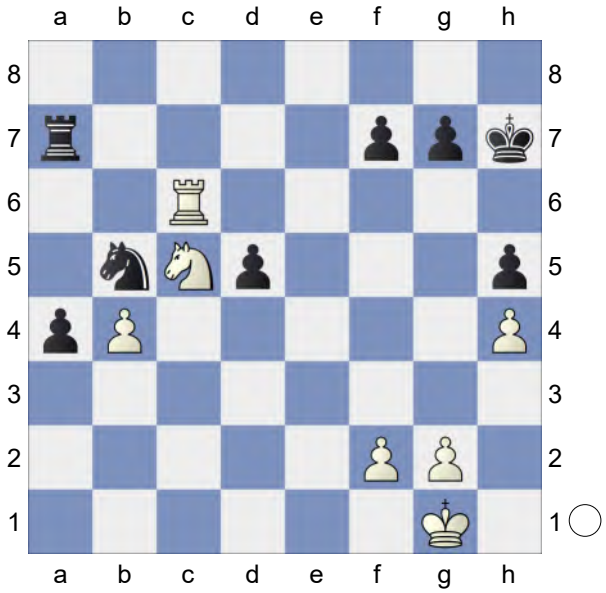
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Be7 11.Nb5**
[11.b3 0-0 12.Bb2 Qf4 13.Qe2 Qe4 14.Qd2 Rd8 15.Rfe1 Qh4 16.Rad1 Bc5 17.Re5 Ng4 18.Rxc5 Qxh2+ 19.Kf1 e5 20.Qg5 Nf6 21.Bxf7+ Kh8 22.Rxe5 Bg4 23.f3 Rac8 24.Rd2 Rf8 25.Be6 Rce8 1-0 Geller,E (2620)-Vaganian,R (2550) URS-ch44 Final 1976 (9)]
[11.Re1 0-0 12.c3 Bd7 13.Bb3 a5 14.a4 Qb6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Bc2 Bc6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Bxc5 Qxc5 19.Qe2 Rab8 20.Rab1 g6 21.g3 Kg7 22.Qe5 Qd5 23.b4 Rfd8 24.Qe2 Qa2 25.bxa5 Rxb1 1-0 Vaisman,V (2586)-Protector B14 (2494) Enghien les Bains 2003 (10)]
11...Qc6 12.Qe2 0-0N
[12...a6 13.Nd4 Qc7 3. Nd2 c5-10. Nxd4 Be7 11.Nb5]
13.Re1 The position is equal. **13...Rd8 14.c3 a6**
[14...Bc5!?]
15.Nd4 Qc7 16.Bg5 Nd5 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Bb3 Ng6 19.Qe4 Bd7 20.Rad1 a5 21.Bc2 a4 22.a3 Qb6 23.h4 Ra5 0.23/22
[Black should play 23...Qxb2∓ -0.31/22 24.h5 Nf8]
24.Nf3 -0.16/22
[⌓24.Qg4 0.23/22]
24...Qxb2= 25.Qb4 Qxb4
[25...Qxc2? loses. 26.Qxa5 Rc8 27.Rxd7+-]
26.cxb4 Raa8 27.Be4 Bc6 28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.Rc1 Ne7 30.Ne5 Ra6 31.Red1 Rd5 32.Nd7 -0.41/26
[32.Rxd5= 0.00/27 exd5 *(32...cxd5 33.Rc7±)* 33.Nd7]
32...h5 0.06/31
[32...Ra7∓ -0.41/26 feels stronger. 33.Rxd5 cxd5]
33.Rxd5 exd5 Endgame. KRN-KRN
34.Re1 -0.23/29
[⌓34.Rc5 0.26/27]
34...Nf5 White should prevent ...Nf5-d4!
35.Re8+ -0.96/5
[35.Rc1= -0.14/30 keeps the balance.]
35...Kh7∓ 36.Rc8? -3.42/23
[36.Kf1∓ -1.33/25]

(Diagram)

Loses the game. **36...Nd6!-+**
[36...Nxh4 37.Nc5 Rb6 38.Ra8±]
37.Rb8 -3.69/23
[⌓37.Nc5 -2.57/25 Nxc8 38.Nxa6]
37...Nb5 38.Nc5 Ra7 39.Rc8 Nxa3 40.Rxc6 Nb5

(Diagram)





Prevents Rc6-d6. And now ...Nb5-d4 would win. **41.Rb6 Nd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

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C03

□ **Adams,Michael** **2698**

■ **Meskovs,Nikita** **2561**

Deutschland 154/54 2022

[Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.e5 c5 5.Qg4 g6 6.dxc5 f5N** 1.53/21

[6...Nh6± 0.57/22 7.Qh3 Nf5]

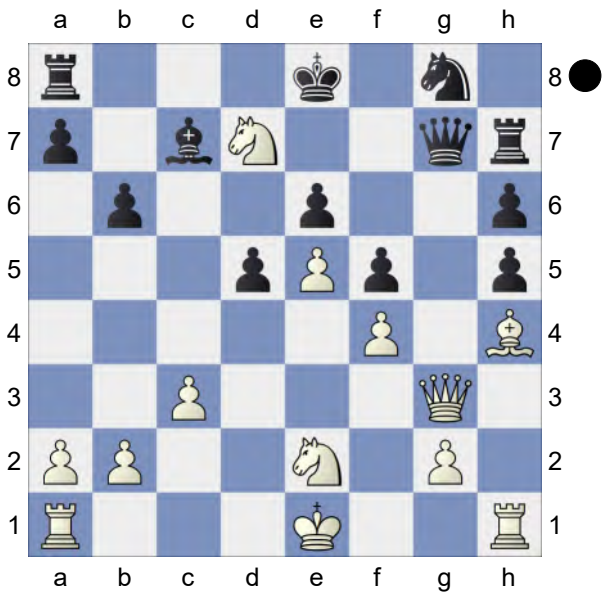
[6...Nd7 7.Ngf3 *(7.Bb5 Qc7 8.Ngf3 Qxc5 9.Bd3 Bf8 10.0-0 Bg7 11.c4 Ne7 12.Re1 0-0 13.cxd5 Qxd5 14.Bc4 Qa5 15.Qe4 Rb8 16.a4 Qc7 17.b3 b6 18.Ba3 Nc5 19.Qe2 Bb7 20.Nd4 Rfd8 21.N2f3 Nf5* 1-0 Coll Sola,J (2664)-12.0-0 b6 13.♖ad1 ♗b7_170 (2570) Russia-Armenia (Internet-m/1) 92/(412) 2004 *)* 7...Nxc5 8.Qd4 Bd7 9.Nb3 Rc8 10.Be3 Nxb3 11.axb3 Rxc2 12.Qxa7 Qc8 13.Bd3 Rxb2 14.0-0 Rxb3 15.Rfc1 Bc6 16.Bc2 Rc3 17.Ba4 Bxa4 18.Qxa4+ Kf8 19.Rxc3 Qxc3 20.Rc1 Qb4 21.Qd7 0-1 Battsetseg,T (2258)-Abrahamyan,T (2275) USA-ch (Women) 2009 (8)]

[6...Nc6 7.Ngf3 h5 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qe3 Nh6 10.Nb3 Nf5 11.Qd2 g4 12.Nfd4 Nfxd4 13.Nxd4 Nxe5 14.b3 Nc6 Neumann,J (2517)-5.a3 Bc3 6.Nc3 (2331) World Cup of Rapid Chess-A 2001]

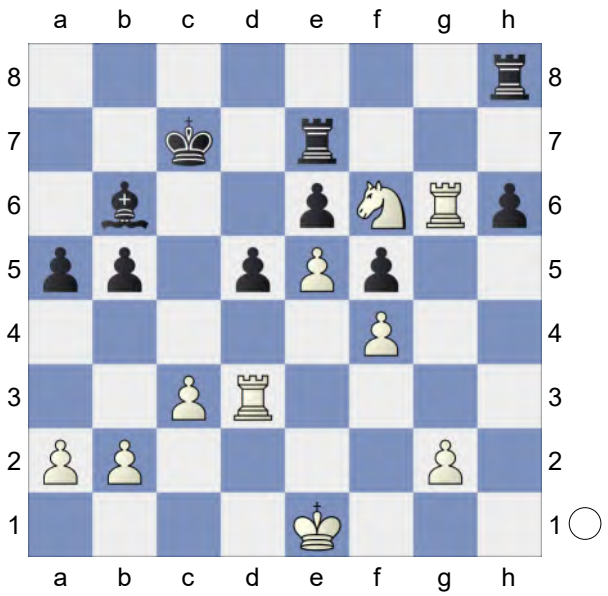
7.Qg3± Nd7 8.Bb5 White is clearly better. **8...Qa5 9.Bxd7+ Bxd7 10.c3 Qxc5 11.Ne2 Bd8 12.Nb3 Qe7 13.h4 Bc7 14.h5 gxh5** Black is weak on the dark squares **15.Bg5** White is more active. **15...Qg7 16.f4**

[16.Rxh5?! Bxe5 17.Qe3 h6=]

16...h6 17.Bh4 Rh7 18.Nc5 b6 19.Nxd7



Strongly threatening Nd7-f6+. A dynamic duo of knights. **19...Qxg3+ 20.Nxg3 Kxd7 21.Nxh5 b5** 1.63/24
[21...Ke8± 1.19/20]
22.Rh3 Rf7 23.Rg3 Ne7 24.Bxe7 Rxe7 25.Rg6 Rh8 2.25/23
[25...Rc8± 1.50/22 keeps fighting. 26.0-0-0 *(26.Rxh6 Bb6±)* 26...Bb6]
26.Rd1 Bb6 27.Rd3 a5? 3.76/19
[27...Rc8 2.01/21 28.Kd2 *(28.Rxh6 Rc4+-)* 28...Kc7]
28.Nf6++- Kc7



29.Rxd5 Be3
[29...Bg1 30.Rxb5]
30.Rxb5 Bxf4 31.Rxa5 Kb7 Inhibits Ra5-a7+. **32.Rb5+ Ka7 33.Nh5 Bg5 34.Rg7 Rhe8 35.Rxe7+ Rxe7 36.Rb4 Rc7 37.Nf4 Rc5 38.Nd3**
[38.Nxe6 Rxe5+ 39.Kf2 Rxe6-+]
38...Rd5 39.Ke2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.20 (precise)
1-0

C07
□ **Rasulov,Vugar Ural Oglu 2510**
■ **Xiong,Jeffery 2692**
Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

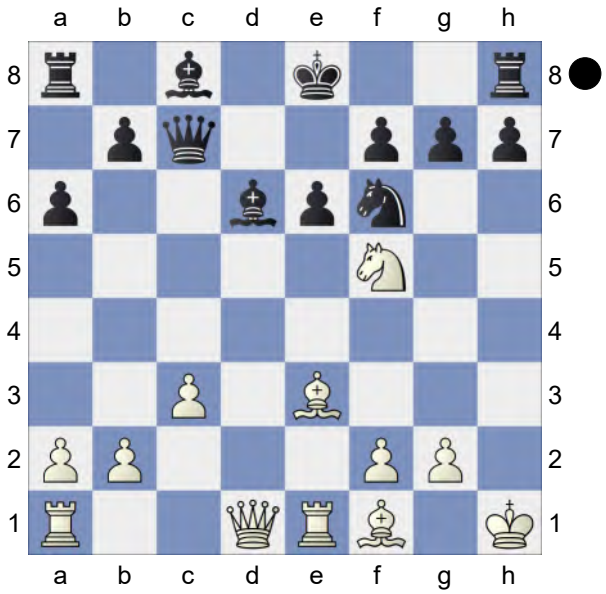
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 Nf6** White has an edge. **9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6** Prevents Bc4-b5 **11.Re1 Bc5 12.Be3** 0.02/26
[12.c3± 0.42/21]
12...Qc7
[12...0-0 13.Bb3 b6 14.Nf3 Qc7 15.Bxc5 Qxc5 16.Qd4 Qxd4 17.Nxd4 Bb7 18.Rad1 Rfd8 19.c3 Rd7 20.f3 Rad8 21.Kf2 Rd6 22.h4 h6 23.g4 Nd5 24.Kg3 g6 25.Re5 Nf6 26.Rde1 Bd5 27.R5e3 0-1 Mamedov,R (2709)-Le,T (2485) PRO League Group Stage 2018 (4)]
13.c3N New and interesting. Theoretisch interessant.
[Vorgänger: 13.Bb3 0-0 14.Qf3 *(14.c3 e5* Quickstarter Guide-Tarrasch Variation Mainline*)* 14...e5 0.26/23 *(⌓14...Bd6!* -0.25/23*; 14...Rd8 15.c3 Bd6 16.h3 e5 17.Nc2 Bd7 18.Bg5 Bc6 19.Qe2*

Qe7 20.Ne3 e4 21.Ng4 Be5 22.f4 Qc5+ 23.Kh1 Bb5 24.c4 Nxg4 25.hxg4 1-0 Neuhoff,L (2033)-Zaninotto,F (1966) Skalica op 2024 (6) *)* 15.Nf5= e4 0.80/22 *(15...Bxf5=* 0.26/24 remains equal. *16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.Qxf5 Rfe8)* 16.Qg3± Qxg3 17.Nxg3 Bd6 18.Bd4 Bxg3 19.hxg3 1-0 (39) Mamedov,R (2688)-Cuenca Jimenez,J (2492) Tallinn 2016]

13...Bd6 14.Bf1 Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 Bd6 -0.07/20

[15...Be5!∓ -0.60/26]

16.Nf5!=



Discovered Attack, Double Attack

16...Bf8 17.Bd4 Qf4 18.Qd3

[18.Qc2 simplifies Bd7 19.Be5 Qxf5 20.Qxf5 exf5 21.Bxf6+ Be6 22.Bd4]

18...Bd7 ...Nf6-g4 would now be deadly. **19.g3 Bc6+ 20.Bg2 Bxg2+ 21.Kxg2 Qc7 22.Bxf6**

[22.Be5 feels hotter. Qc6+ 23.Kg1 Ng4 24.Nxg7+ Bxg7 25.Bxg7 Rg8 26.Qxh7 0-0-0 27.Bd4]

22...gxf6 23.Rad1 Rd8 24.Qf3 Strongly threatening Re1xe6+! **24...Qc6**

[24...Rxd1 is interesting. 25.Qxd1 Rg8 26.Qh5 Qc6+]

25.Qxc6+

[25.Rxd8+ simplifies Kxd8 26.Qxc6 bxc6 27.Ne3]

25...bxc6 26.Nd4 c5 27.Nc6 Rc8 28.Na5 h5 29.Rd3 f5 30.Red1 Be7 31.Rd7 h4 0.57/24

[31...Bd8!= 0.00/23 32.Nc6 Bf6]

32.Nc4 -0.10/31

[32.Ra7± 0.57/24]

32...hxg3 33.fxg3 Rd7-a7 is the strong threat. **33...Rg8?** 1.85/23

[33...Rd8= -0.17/23 and Black is okay. 34.Rxd8+ Bxd8]

34.Kf3? -1.50/33

[Only move: 34.Ra7+- 1.85/23 Black must now prevent Rd1-d7! Rg4 35.Rdd7 Rxc4 36.Rxe7+ Kf8 37.Rxf7+ Kg8 38.Kf3]

34...Rd8∓ 35.Rxd8+ -2.10/5

[35.Ne5∓ -1.36/26 is a better defense. Rxd7 36.Nxd7]

35...Bxd8 Endgame. KRB-KRN **36.Nd6+ Ke7 37.Nb7** -3.21/25

[37.Nc8+ -1.95/24 only move. Kf6 38.Rd7]

37...Bc7 38.Nxc5 Hoping for Rd1-d7+. **38...Rxg3+** -1.41/21

[Weaker is 38...Bxg3 39.Rg1 f4 40.Ne4∓]

[Better is 38...Bd6-+ -2.43/23 39.Nxa6 Rxg3+ 40.Kf2 Rg4 *(40...Rh3 41.Kg1∓)*]

39.Kf2 Threatens to win with Rd1-d7+. **39...Bf4** aiming for ...Rg3-h3. **40.Rd7+** -2.31/23

[40.Nxa6∓ -1.48/24 Rh3 41.Re1]

40...Ke8 41.Rd4 Be5 -0.81/23

[⌓41...e5 -1.59/20 42.Rd3 Rg4]

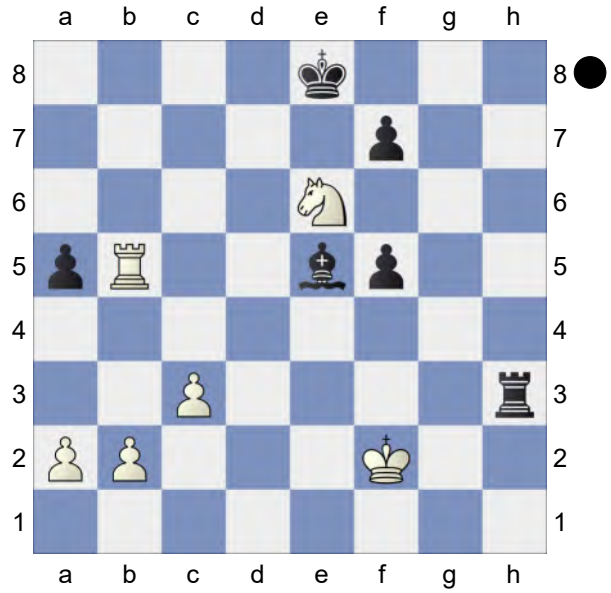
42.Rb4 -1.55/20

[⌓42.Ra4 -0.81/23]

42...a5 -0.34/22

[Black should play 42...Bd6∓ -1.55/20 43.Nxa6 Rh3]

43.Rb5∓ Rh3 -0.04/21
[43...Bd6∓ -0.42/24]
44.Nxe6!=

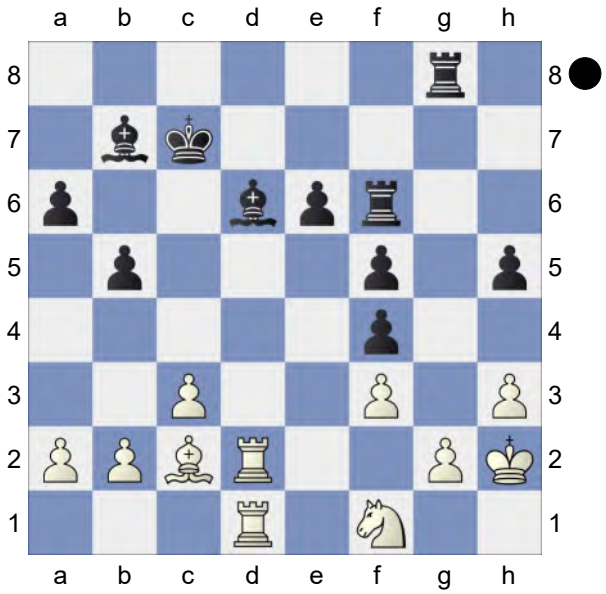


Discovered Attack. The position is equal. **44...fxe6 45.Rxe5** KR-KR **45...Rh2+ 46.Kg3 Rxb2 47.Rxe6+ Kd7 48.Re5 Rxa2 49.Rxf5 a4 50.Kf3 Kc6 51.Ke3 Kb6 52.Kd3 a3 53.Rf1 Rb2 54.Ra1 a2 55.c4 Kc5 56.Kc3 Rh2 57.Kb3 Rh3+ 58.Kxa2 Kxc4 59.Rb1 Rh2+ 60.Rb2 Rh5 61.Rc2+ Kd3 62.Rb2 Kc3 63.Rb3+ Kc2 64.Rb2+ Kc1** (→ ...Rh5-a5+) **65.Rb1+ Kd2 66.Rb2+ Kc3 67.Rb3+ Kc4 68.Rb2 Ra5+ 69.Kb1 Rb5 70.Rxb5 Kxb5**
And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)
½-½

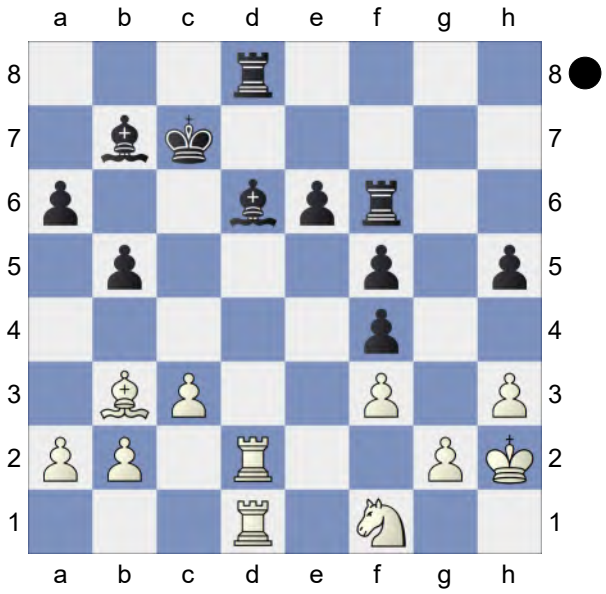
C07
□ **Sanal,Vahap** **2547**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2628**
Wch Rapid Almaty (3) 26.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.c3 Qc7 12.Bb3 Bd7 13.Qf3 Bd6 14.h3 0-0-0**
[14...h6 15.Be3 0-0-0 16.Rfd1 Kb8 17.a4 Bc5 18.Bf4 e5 19.Bg3 Ka8 20.Qe2 Rde8 21.Bxf7 Re7 22.Bg6 Rf8 23.Nb5 axb5 24.axb5+ Kb8 25.Ra4 Rc8 26.b4 Bb6 27.c4 Qxc4 28.Bxe5+ Rxe5 29.Qxe5+ 1-0 Belikov,V (2506)-Chernyshov,K (2569) 92/191 Voronezh 2004]
15.Bg5 Kb8N
[15...Be5 16.Rfe1 h6 17.Bh4 Bf4 18.Bg3 Bxg3 19.Qxg3 Qxg3 20.fxg3 Rhe8 21.Rad1 Ng8 22.Rd2 Kc7 23.Rde2 Nf6 24.Nf3 Re7 ½-½ 8.♕d2 ♘d7 9.000-Tarrasch,S EU/MSM/IV final bd10 1994]
[15...Rhg8 16.Rad1 h6 17.Bc1 Kb8 18.Rfe1 e5 19.Nc2 Bc6 20.Qf5 Bd7 21.Qd3 Bb5 22.Qe3 Bc6 23.Nb4 Bxb4 24.cxb4 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 g5 26.a4 Re8 27.b5 axb5 28.axb5 Bxb5 29.Bd2 Rd8 30.Ra1 1-0 Tiviakov,S (2628)-Huzman,A (2591) EU-Cup 18th Kallithea 2002 (7.2)]
16.Rad1 White has an edge. **16...Bc8** 0.88/21
[16...Bh2+= 0.30/21 17.Kh1 Be5]
17.Rfe1!± Rhg8 18.Nc2 0.38/24
[18.Bc2!± 0.82/19]
18...h6 19.Bc1 Bh2+ 20.Kh1 Rd1xd8 is the strong threat. **20...b6**

21.Qe3 -0.25/25
[⌓21.Qe2 0.14/24]
21...Bd6= 22.Qe2 Bb7 23.Qc4
[23.Nb4 is more complex. Ka7 24.Qc4 Qxc4 25.Bxc4 g5 26.Be3]
23...g5 24.Qxc7+ Kxc7 25.Kg1 h5 26.Ne3 -0.44/19
[26.Nd4= -0.08/21 Rde8 27.Ba4]
26...b5 27.Nf1 -0.76/24
[27.a4∓ -0.31/22]
27...Nd5 28.Bc2 Nf4 Black is more active. **29.f3 f5 30.Be3** -2.35/24
[30.a4∓ -1.00/23 was worth a try.]
30...Rg6 -1.10/21
[30...Nxg2-+ -2.35/24 has better winning chances. 31.Kxg2 g4]
31.Rd2∓ Rdg8 -0.42/20
[31...g4∓ -0.81/22 32.Rxd6 Nxh3+ 33.Kh2 *(33.gxh3? loses. gxf3+-+)* 33...Rxd6 *(33...Kxd6 34.f4∓)*]
32.Bxf4 -1.23/25 Black continues to play with concentration.
[32.Bb6+!∓ -0.42/20 Kxb6 33.Rxd6+ Kc7 34.Rd4]
32...gxf4 33.Kh2 Rf6 34.Red1 -1.92/24
[34.Rde2∓ -1.29/24]



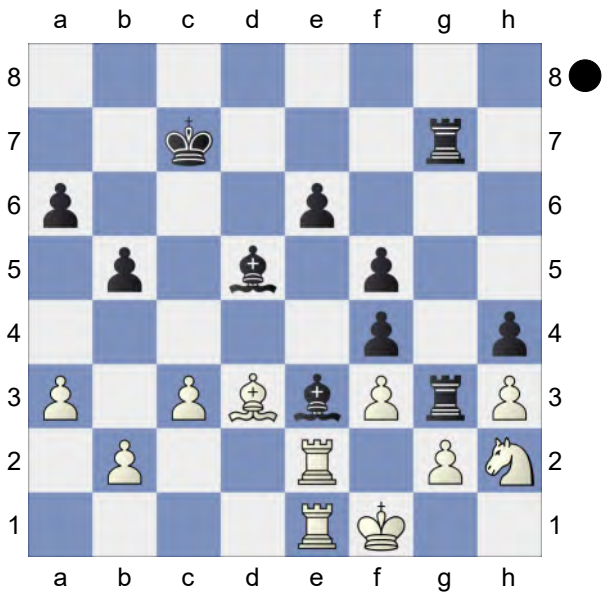
34...Rd8 -1.16/21
[34...e5!-+ -1.92/24 ...e5-e4 would now be deadly. 35.Bxf5 Rxf5 36.Rxd6 e4 37.Rd7+ Kc8 38.Rxb7 *(38.fxe4 Bxe4 39.R7d2 Rfg5-+)* 38...Kxb7 39.fxe4 Rff8]
35.Bb3 -2.33/23
[35.Re2∓ -1.16/21]



35...h4!-+ 36.Kh1 Bc6 -1.25/21
[36...e5-+ -2.54/22 aiming for ...e5-e4. 37.Bd5 Bxd5 38.Rxd5 Be7 39.Rxd8 Bxd8]
37.Nh2 -2.67/21
[37.Re2∓ -1.25/21]
37...Rg6 38.Kg1? -3.46/24 White is weak on the dark squares
[38.Re2 -1.63/22]
38...Bc5+ 39.Kf1 Rdg8 40.Re2 Be3 41.a3 R8g7 42.Bc2 Rg3 Hoping for ... Bc6xf3! **43.Rde1** -8.09/21
[⌓43.Red2 -4.19/19]
43...Bd5 (→ ...Bd5-c4). This pair of bishops is nice. Black is clearly winning.
44.Bd3

(Diagram)

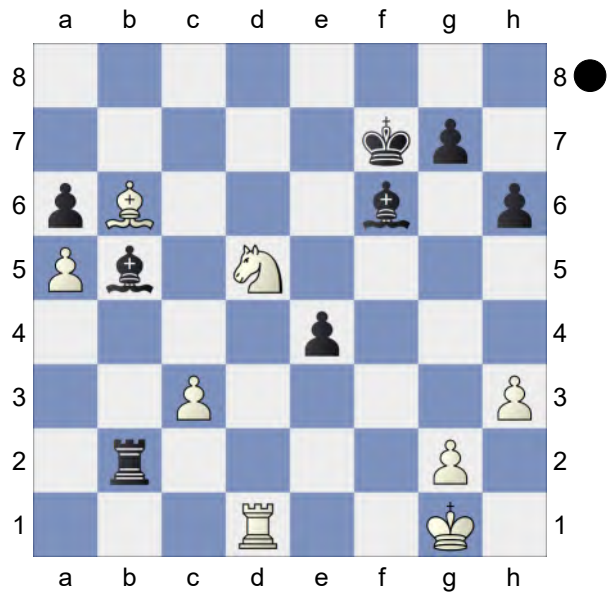
Rxh3!! Trapped Piece **45.Rxe3 Rxh2**



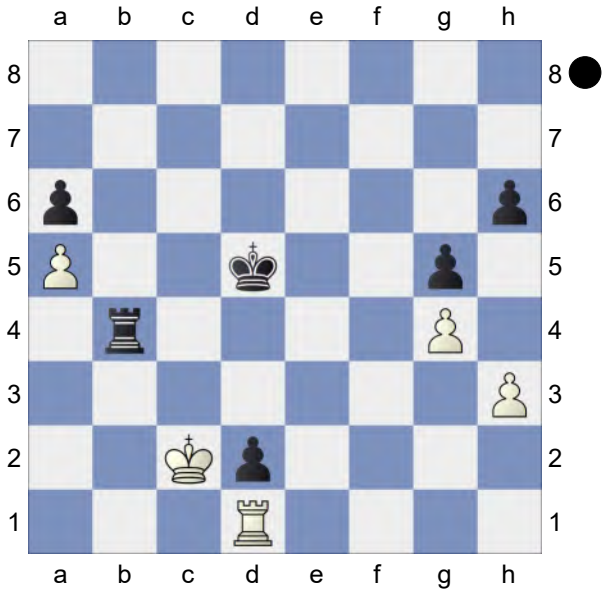
46.R3e2 h3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/Black=0.28 (precise)
0-1

C07
□ **Bonacker** **2585**
■ **15.Nc4 0-0 16.Qe5 Rab8** **2710**
108/(41) Moscow (1.7) 16.09.2020
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Nf3 dxe4** White is slightly better. **11.Bxe4 Nf6 12.0-0 Nxe4**
[12...0-0 13.Rd1 h6 14.b3 e5 15.Bb2 Bg4 16.h3 Bh5 17.Bf5 Rae8 18.g4 Bg6 19.Nh4 Bxf5 20.Nxf5 Bc5 Kamstra,H (2457)-Bayo Milagro,A (2427) corr ICCF FM/1950 2013]
13.Qxe4 f6N
[13...0-0 14.Rd1 Rad8 15.Bd2 c5 16.Qe1 Qb8 17.Ba5 Bc7 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qe5 Qb6 20.Nd2 Bc6 21.Nc4 Qb4 22.b3 Bd5 23.Ne3 Bb7 24.Rd6 Rxd6 25.Qxd6 Be4 26.Rd1 a5 27.a4 h6 28.h3 1-0 Wang,H (2704)-Shankland,S (2656) 125/81 Edmonton 2015]
14.Rd1 Rd8 15.Bd2 c5 16.h3 Be7 17.Qc4 Qb6 18.a4
[18.Qg4 looks sharper. Kf7 19.Bc3 Rhf8 20.b3]
18...e5 19.Be3 Rc8 0.44/23
[19...Qe6= 0.00/22 is superior. 20.Qc3 Qc6]
20.Nd2 0.00/22
[20.Rxd7!± 0.44/23 Kxd7 21.Qg4+ Kc6 22.Qxg7 Qxb2 23.Rc1]
20...Be6= 21.Qb5+ Kf7 22.Ne4 -0.46/22
[22.b3= 0.00/22 should be considered.]
22...Qc6∓ 23.f3 a6 24.Qe2 h6 -0.23/24
[24...Rb8∓ -0.65/20 25.c3 c4]
25.Rd2 f5 26.Nf2 -0.72/21
[26.Nc3= -0.29/23]
26...c4!↑ Black is more active. **27.a5 Rhd8 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Bb6 Rd5 30.b3** -1.18/24
[⌓30.Nd1 -0.71/20]
30...Rb5 31.bxc4 Qxc4 32.Nd3 e4 -0.51/22
[32...Kg8∓ -1.40/21 Hoping for ... Rb5xb6! 33.Re1 Bh4]
33.fxe4∓ fxe4 34.Nf4 Qxe2 35.Nxe2 Bf6 36.Re1 Rb2 37.Nf4 Bc4 38.c3 -1.09/23
[38.Rxe4∓ -0.67/20 Rxc2 39.Re3]
38...Bd3 -0.38/25 Black is more active. A strong pair of Bishops.
[38...Bxc3 39.Rxe4 Ba2 40.Bc7=]
[38...Bh4!∓ -1.09/23 39.Rxe4 Bg3]
39.Rd1 Bb5
[39...Bxc3 40.Nxd3 exd3 41.Rxd3 Rb1+ 42.Kf2 Rb2+ 43.Kf3=]
40.Nd5 -1.51/24
[40.Rc1!∓ -0.55/21]



40...Bh4 -0.84/21
[⌓40...Be5! -1.51/24 And now ...Kf7-e6 would win. 41.Bc7 Bxc7 42.Nxc7 e3 43.Nxb5 Rxb5]
41.Kh2∓ Bg5 42.Be3 -1.14/25
[White should play 42.Kg3∓ -0.57/21]
42...Bxe3 43.Nxe3 Endgame. KRB-KRN **43...Bd3 44.Nd5 Rc2 45.Kg1** -1.44/23
[45.h4∓ -0.56/21]
45...g5 Threatens to win with ...Kf7-e6.
46.Nb4 -2.31/30
[46.Re1∓ -1.39/22 was forced.]
46...Rxc3-+ 47.Nxd3 exd3 KR-KR
[Weaker is 47...Rxd3 48.Rc1∓]
48.Kf2 Rc2+? -0.02/25
[48...Kf6-+ -2.50/27 ...Rc3-a3 is the strong threat. 49.Ke3 d2+ 50.Kxd2 Ra3]
49.Kf3= d2 50.Ke4? -4.71/24 Now White is beyond hope.
[50.Ke2= -0.09/21 and White stays safe.]
50...Ke6-+ Strongly threatening ...Ke6-d6. **51.g4** -8.28/23
[⌓51.Kd4 -4.27/21 Ke7 52.Kd3]
51...Rb2 52.Ke3 Kd5 53.Kd3? -13.14/22
[53.Ke2 -3.87/21]
53...Rb4 Black is clearly winning. **54.Kc2**



Rd4! 55.Kc3 Kc5 56.Kc2 Kc4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.22 (precise)
0-1

C07
□ **Kollars,Dmitrij** **2585**
■ **Vallejo Pons,Francisco** **2710**
Bundesliga 1920 final (1.7) 16.09.2020
[Kapnisis,Spyridon,Kitty Kat]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6
[5...Nf6 is the other major option which scores quite well for black 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.N2f3 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 0-0 9.Bxb4 Nxb4 10.c3 Nd5 11.Bc4 b6 12.0-0 Bb7∞ 0-1 (32) Teclaf,P (2454)-Bluebaum,M (2647) Warsaw POL 2020]
6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6
[7...Bxc6 Is out of fashion. 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.c4 Qa5 10.Qc2 *(10.0-0 Nf6 11.Qc2 Qa6 12.a3±)* 10...Qa6 11.b3 Nf6 12.Bb2 Be7∞ 0-1 (41) Adair,J

(2451)-Howell,D (2679) Daventry ENG 2020]

8.Bd3 Bd6

[8...Qc7 9.Qe2 Ne7

A) 10.b3!? Ng6 11.g3 Bd6 12.f4 0-0 13.Bb2 f5? *(13...c5)* 14.exf5 exf5 15.0-0-0+- 1-0 (60) Demchenko,A (2655)-Durarbayli,V (2617) Douglas ENG 2019;

B) 10.g3 Ng6 *(10...g6!?)* 11.f4 Bc5 12.Nb3 Bb6∞ 1-0 (51) Smirin,I (2599)-Akobian,V (2618) Saint Louis USA 2019;

C) 10.Nf3 Ng6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Re1 0-0

C1) 13.e5 c5 *(13...f5!? 14.c4 c5 15.cxd5 exd5 16.e6 Bc6∞* 0-1 (41) Wen Yang (2604)-Yu Yangyi (2751) China CHN 2019*)* 14.Bg5 *(14.c3∞)* 14...Rae8 15.c4?! Bc6⇄ 1/2 (41) Jones,G (2709)-Shankland,S (2717) Saint Louis USA 2019;

C2) 13.c4 dxe4 14.Bxe4 f5 15.Bc2 Bf6 *(15...c5!?)* 16.Ng5!± 1-0 (36) Kotronias,V (2519)-Milosevic,M (2276) Belgrade SRB 2020]

9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Nf3 dxe4

[10...f6 11.exd5 cxd5 12.c4 Ne7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Be3± 1/2 (51) Azarov,S (2565)-Holt,C (2561) Saint Louis USA 2018 *(14.Bd2!?)*]

11.Bxe4

[11.Qxe4 This was white's main choice until now Nf6 12.Qh4

A) 12...c5!? 13.Bh6! Nd5 *(13...Rg8)* 14.Bxg7 Rg8 15.Qxh7 *(15.Bh6 Bc6⩱)* 15...0-0-0 16.c4 Nb4⩱;

B) 12...h6 13.0-0 *(13.Bd2 Ke7 14.Bc3 c5 15.0-0-0 Bc6 16.Kb1∞* 0-1 (51) Puranik,A (2550)-Martirosyan,H (2619) Zurich SUI 2019*; 13.Nd2!? g5 14.Qh3 c5* 1/2 (46) Godena,M (2501)-McShane,L (2672) Batumi GEO 2018 *)* 13...c5 14.Nd2 Nd5 15.Nc4 Bf4 16.g3 Bxc1 17.Raxc1 Bc6 18.Rfe1 0-0 19.Qe4 Nf6 20.Qe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5± 1/2 (31) Ragger,M (2684)-Andreikin,D (2741) Batumi GEO 2019]

11...Nf6 12.0-0

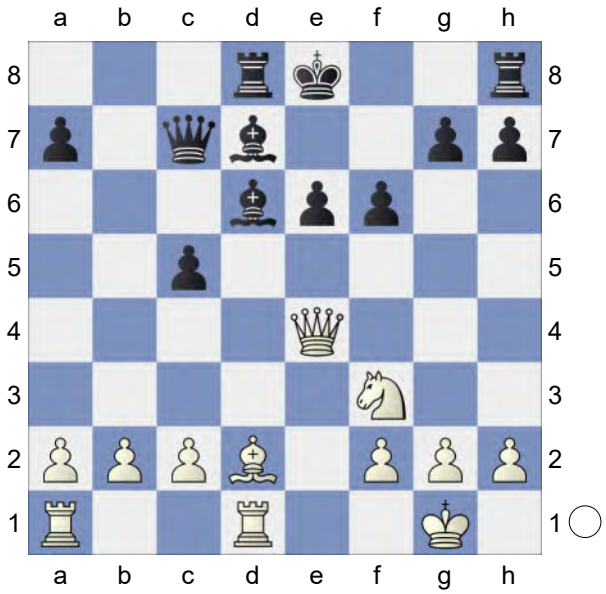
[12.Nd2!?]

12...Nxe4 13.Qxe4 f6 Black decides to delay his castle possibly to avoid Ng5. Probably that much caution wasn't necessary.

[13...0-0 14.Rd1 *(14.Ng5 f5 15.Qc4 Rae8)* 14...Rad8∞]

14.Rd1 Rd8 15.Bd2! c5

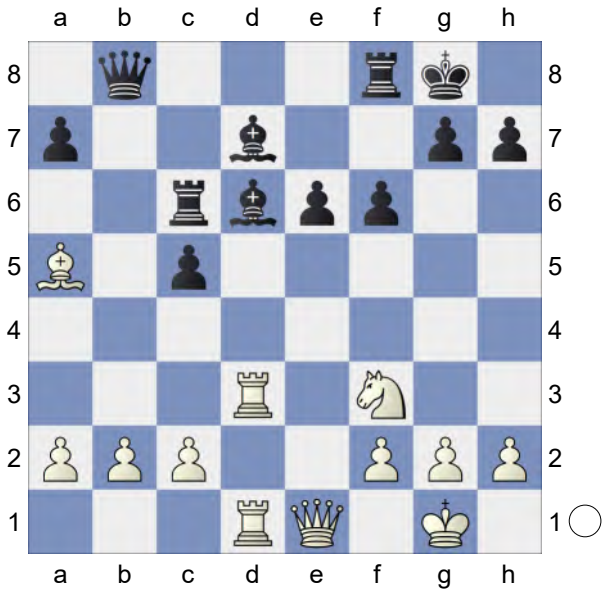
[15...0-0!? 16.Qe1 *(16.Ba5 Bxh2+ 17.Nxh2 Qxa5 18.Rd6* White has decent compensation but probably not enough to claim an advantage*)* 16...Bc5 17.Bb4 Bxb4 18.Qxb4∞]



16.h3?! White wants to avoid Bxh2 in case of Ba5 but actually he loses valuable time.

[16.Qe1!? Bringing the queen from e4 to e1 can be difficult to spot since the queen seems well placed on e4. Black would need to be precise to avoid immediate problems. Qb8 *(16...Rb8 17.Ba5 Qc6 18.Rd3* White has a dangerous initiative *)* 17.Ba5

A) 17...Rc8? 18.Rd3! 0-0 *(18...c4 19.Rd2±)* 19.Rad1 Rc6



20.b4! is the most precise way to take advantage of black's hanging bishops on the d file. *(20.Qd2? Bf4±)* 20...cxb4 *(20...c4 21.R3d2+-)* 21.Qd2 Bf4 22.Qxb4 Qxb4 *(22...Bc8 23.Qe7+-; 22...Be8 23.Rd8+-)* 23.Bxb4 Rb8 24.Rxd7 Rxb4 25.g3! Bh6 26.Rxa7+-;

B) 17...Bc7 18.Rd3 Kf7! Protects e6 and makes Bc6 possible *(18...0-0? 19.Rad1 Rf7 20.Bxc7 Qxc7 21.Qd2+-; 18...Bb6 19.Bxb6 axb6 20.a4* Black is under presuure*)* 19.Bxc7 Qxc7 Black is ok]

16...Be7

[16...0-0 17.Ba5 Qxa5 18.Rxd6 Bc8∞]

17.Qc4

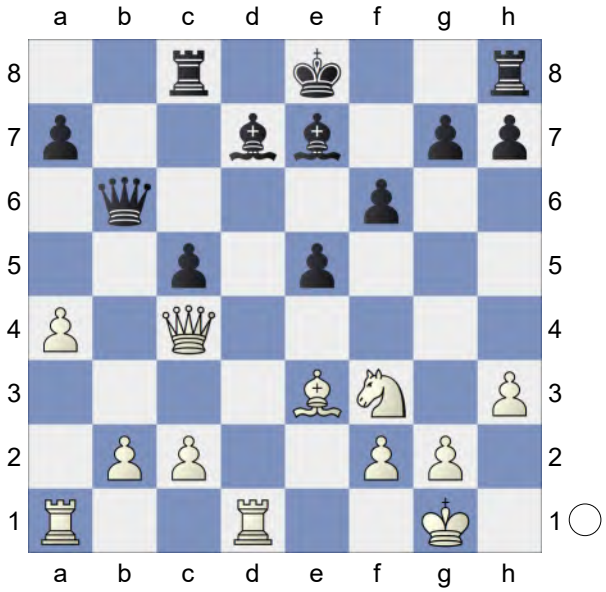
[17.Bc3!?]

17...Qb6

[17...Kf7!? Focusing on playing Bc6 would give black a pleasant position. 18.Re1 Rhe8 19.Bc3 Bf8]

18.a4 e5 19.Be3 Rc8?

[19...Qe6! 20.Qc3 Rc8⇄ Position seems rather pleasant for black who will manage to castle next move.]



Black keeps playing with fire. Black's idea is to play Be6 and 0-0. **20.Nd2?**

[20.Rxd7! Sacrificing the exchange to keep the black king in the center was a lot better option.White gets longterm compensation and the far easier position to play Kxd7 21.Qg4+ *(21.Qf7 Qd6! 22.Qxg7 Qe6 23.Qh6⩱)*

A) 21...Kc7 22.Qxg7 Rce8 23.Qf7→ Stops Qe6. Black faces problems with the safety of his king *(23.Ra3!?)*;

B) 21...Qe6 22.Rd1+ Bd6 23.Qxg7+ Kc6 *(23...Qe7 24.Qg4+ Qe6 25.Qe4±)* 24.b4!→]

20...Be6 21.Qb5+ Kf7

[21...Qc6!?]

22.Ne4?! The regrouping of the knight to e4 doesn't look great since it will be a subject of attack

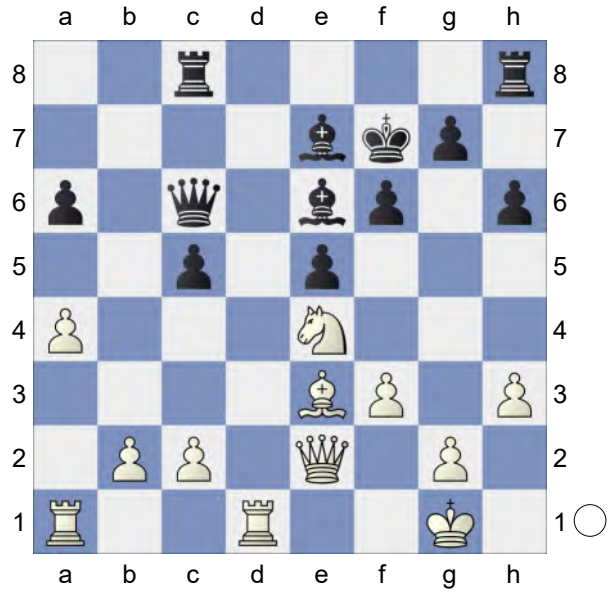
[22.b3 Rhd8 23.Nc4∞]

22...Qc6! 23.f3 a6! 24.Qe2

[24.Qxc6?! Rxc6∓ Black's two bishops promise him a solid advantage.]

24...h6

[24...Rb8! Putting immediate pressure on white's queenside pawns would give black a sizable advantage. 25.c3 *(25.b3 c4∓)* 25...c4∓]



Black plan of playing f5 is perfectly logical but it is not accurate enough.

25.Rd2?

[25.c4!∞ An excellent idea which white failed to find. White will try to get his knight to d5 while fixing black's pawn on c5. As it is often the case when someone plays against the two bishops he should try to find a stable central square for his knight and this could only be achieved by c4! Rhd8 *(25...f5 26.Nc3 Rhd8 27.Bf2 Rd4∞; 25...Rb8!? 26.Nc3 Rb3 27.Nd5∞)* 26.b3∞ *(26.Nc3!?)*]

25...f5

[25...Rhd8∓]

26.Nf2 c4!∓ Black has a solid space advantage and the two bishops while white seems to have no counterplay.

[26...f4? 27.Nd3+-]

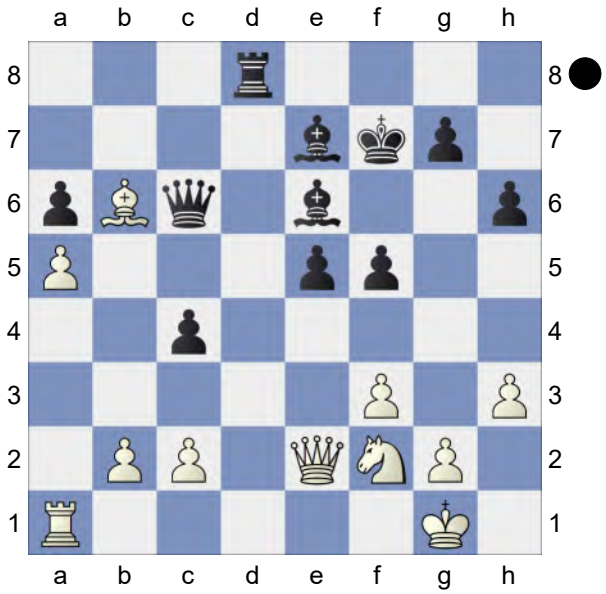
27.a5

[27.Nd1 Rb8∓]

27...Rhd8

[27...c3!? 28.Nd3 Bf6 29.bxc3 Qxc3-+]

28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Bb6



Rd5!∓ Black transfers his rook to b5 so that he cn put pressure against the weak b2 pawn. **30.b3 Rb5**

[30...cxb3 31.cxb3 Qb5∓]

31.bxc4 Qxc4 32.Nd3 e4?! Black hurries to push e4. Although black keeps a good advantage after this move, there were probably better options.

[32...Kg8!?-+]

[32...Bf6!?]

33.fxe4 fxe4 34.Nf4 Qxe2 35.Nxe2 Bf6

[35...Rb2!?∓]

36.Re1 Rb2 37.Nf4?!

[37.Ng3 Bh4 38.Rf1+ Kg8 39.Nxe4

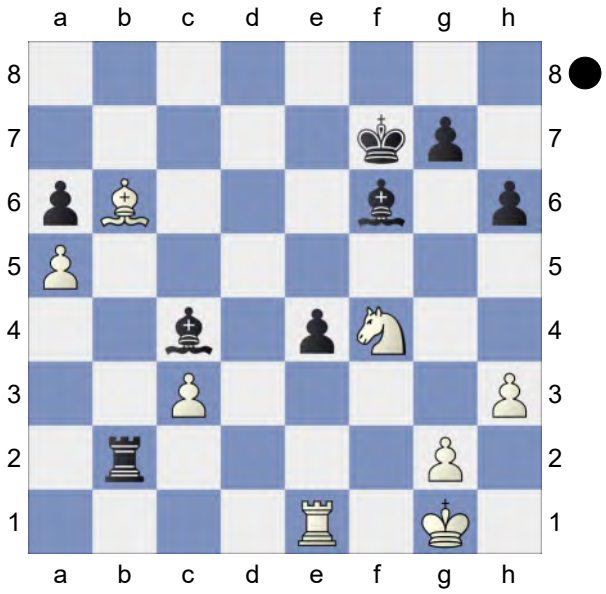
Rxc2 With pawns on both flanks white will still need to fight hard for the draw.]

37...Bc4

[37...Rb4!?]

38.c3

[38.Rxe4 Rxc2∓]



38...Bd3

[38...Bh4!? 39.Rxe4 Bg3 White is caught in a mating net. 40.Kh1 Bf1-+]

39.Rd1 Bb5 40.Nd5 Bh4

[40...Be5!?]

41.Kh2 Bg5

[41...Bc4 42.Rd4 Bxd5 43.Rxd5 Ke6 44.Rd4 Re2 45.Rc4! Kf5 46.Rc8 White should be able to hold although not without problems.]

42.Be3

[42.Kg3!? Bd2]

42...Bxe3

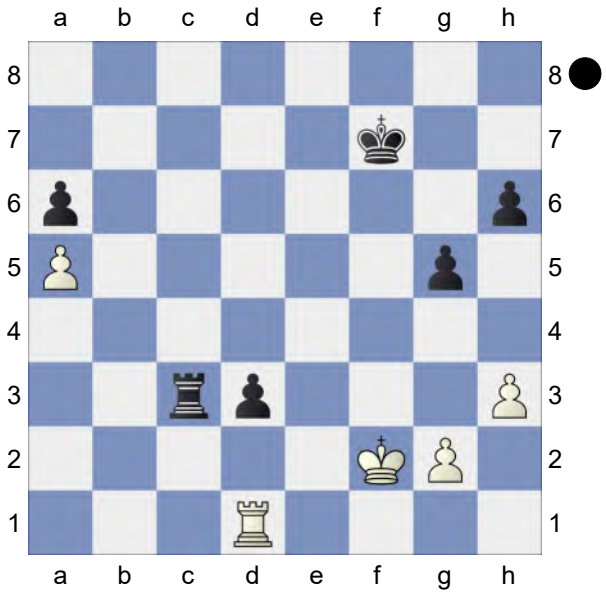
[42...Be2! 43.Rc1 Ke6 44.Bxg5 Kxd5 *(44...hxg5∓)* 45.c4+ Kd4 46.Be7 e3-+]

43.Nxe3 Bd3∓ 44.Nd5 Rc2 45.Kg1

[45.h4!?]

45...g5 46.Nb4 Rxc3 47.Nxd3 exd3

48.Kf2

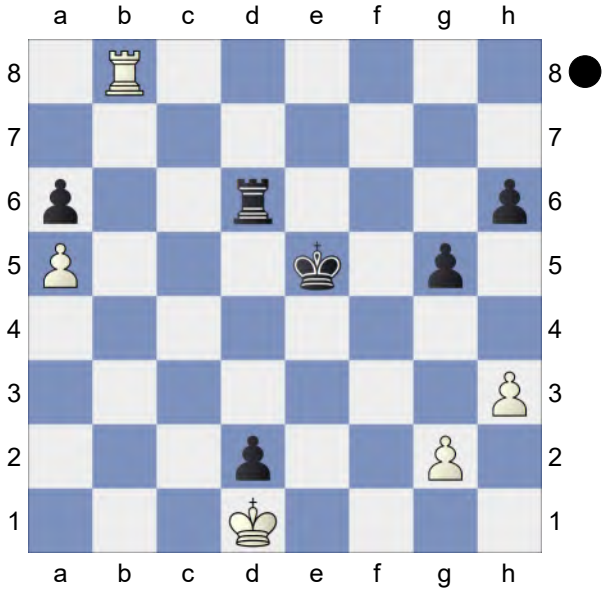


Rc2+?

[48...Ke6! The immediate activation of the black king was necessary to secure a winning advantage

A) 49.Ke3 Ke5 50.Rd2 *(50.Rxd3 Rxd3+ 51.Kxd3 Kd5-+; 50.Rb1 Rc2 51.Rb6 Rxg2-+; 50.h4 g4!)* 50...Rc2!-+;

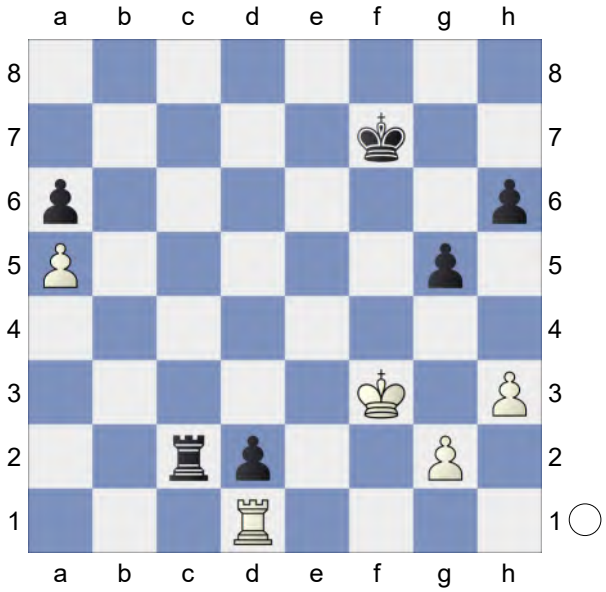
B) 49.Rb1!? Ke5 50.Rb6 d2 51.Ke2 Rd3 52.Kd1 Rd6 53.Rb8



h5! White is in zugzwang 54.Rg8 *(54.g3 Ke4 55.Re8+ Kf3 56.Rh8*

Kxg3 57.Rxh5 Kf4 58.Rh8 Rd5 59.Rh6 Rxa5 60.Kxd2 Rd5+ 61.Kc3 a5-+) 54...Kf5! *(54...Kf4 55.g3+=)* 55.g3 g4 56.hxg4+ *(56.h4 Ke4 57.Rf8 Rd5-+)* 56...hxg4 57.Rb8 Rd5 58.Rb3 Ke4 59.Ra3 Rd6 60.Rb3 Rd8 61.Rc3 Rd4 62.Rb3 *(62.Ra3 Rd5 63.Rc3 Rxa5 64.Kxd2 Ra2+ 65.Ke1 a5-+)* 62...Ra4 63.Kxd2 Ra2+! 64.Kc3 Rxa5-+]

49.Kf3 d2



50.Ke4?

[50.Ke2! Bringing the king close to d2 so that white can activate his rook was good enough to secure excellent drawing chances. Ke6 51.Rb1! Kd5 52.Rb6 Rc6 53.Rb8 Rc5 54.Rb6 Rxa5 55.Rxh6=]

50...Ke6 51.g4 Rb2 52.Ke3 Kd5-+ 53.Kd3 Rb4! 54.Kc2 Rd4 55.Kc3 Kc5 56.Kc2 Kc4

0-1

C07

□ **Shankland,Samuel L 2671**

■ **Caspi,Israel 2468**

Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd Apr Late bl..

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 Nf6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Be7 11.Re1 0-0 12.b3**

[12.c3 Bd7 *(12...Qc7 13.Qe2 Bd7 14.Nb5 Qc6 15.Bf4 a6 16.Nd4 Qb6 17.Rad1 Bb5 18.Bxb5 axb5 19.a3 Nd5 20.Be5 Bc5 21.Nb3 Rfe8 22.Rd2 f6 23.Bd4 Bxd4 24.Nxd4 Nc7 25.Red1 Rad8 26.Nc2 Rxd2 27.Rxd2* 1-0 Sokolovsky,Y (2522)-Neumair,J (2091) Dortmund Sparkassen op-A 51st 2024 (2)*)* 13.Qf3 Qb6 14.Bb3 a5 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Rad1 a4 17.Bc2 Qxb2 18.Bg5 Nd5 19.c4 Bxd4 20.Qd3 f5 21.Qxd4 Qxc2 22.cxd5 Qxa2 23.Qb6 a3 24.Be7 Rfe8 25.Qd6 Ba4 26.Qxe6+ Kh8 1-0 Topalov,V (2796)-Kamsky,G (2725) World Chess Challenge 2009 (7)]

12...b6N

[12...e5 13.Nf3 Qxd1 14.Rxd1 e4 15.Ne5 Ng4 16.Nxg4 Bxg4 17.Re1 Bf6 18.Rb1 Rfd8 19.Bf4 g5 20.Be3 h6 21.h3 Bh5 22.g4 Bg6 23.Red1 Bc3 24.Kf1 Kg7 25.Rd5 a6 26.Rbd1 Rxd5 27.Rxd5 1-0 Ljubojevic,L (2600)-Huebner,R (2620) 42/342 Tilburg 1986 b5 28.Be2 Rc8 29.Rd7 Rc6 30.Ra7 Kf6 31.a4 bxa4 32.bxa4 a5 33.Bb5 Rd6 34.Ke2 Ke6 35.Bc4+ Kf6 36.Rc7 Bd4 37.Bxd4+ Rxd4 38.Bb3 Rd6 39.Rc5 Ra6 40.Ke3 Ke7 41.Bc4 Ra7 42.Rc6 1-0 Majewski,J (2600)-Jaivardhan,R

(2620) Belgrade Jezero op 09th 2003]

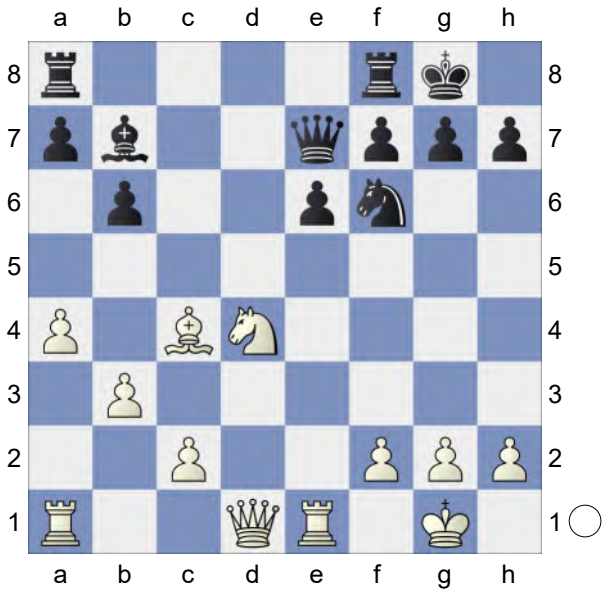
13.a4 The position is equal. **13...Bb7** 1.26/20

[13...Qc7= 0.00/23]

14.Ba3± Qc7 1.89/23

[14...Qxa3± 1.16/25 15.Rxa3 Bxa3]

15.Bxe7!+- Qxe7



16.Nxe6 Rfe8

[16...fxe6? too greedy. 17.Rxe6+-]

17.Ng5 Discovered Attack **17...Qxe1+ 18.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Bd5 20.Bd3 h6** 1.86/25

[20...Rd8± 1.37/21]

21.Nh3 g5 22.f3 1.31/22

[22.f4+- 1.79/21]

22...Rd8 23.Nf2 Kf8 24.Kf1 a5 1.83/22

[24...Be6± 1.39/23 was necessary. 25.c4 Nd7]

25.Ke2 Nh5 26.Kf1 Nf4 27.Re3 0.75/22

[27.Bf5+- 1.63/24]

27...Rc8 1.82/27

[27...Be6± 0.75/22 might work better.]

28.c4 Be6 29.g3! Nh5 30.Ne4 Rd8 31.Ke2 Ng7 1.27/20

[Black should play 31...Ke7+- 1.63/24 32.Nc3 Kf8]

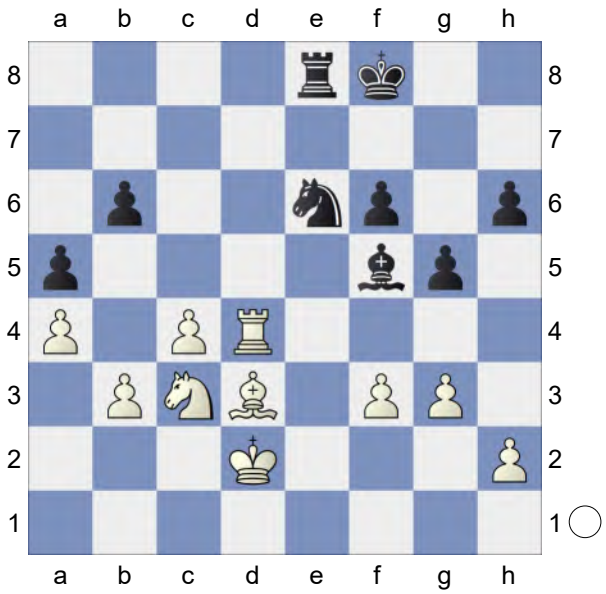
32.Nc3 1.74/23

[32.Nf6± 1.27/20]

32...Ne8 33.Re5 Nc7 Inhibits Re5-b5. **34.Ke3 f6 35.Re4** Strongly threatening Nc3-b5. **35...Bf5?** 3.15/19 This move loses the game for Black.

[35...Bc8± 1.18/25 is a better defense. 36.Rd4 Rxd4 37.Kxd4 Ke7]

36.Rd4 Re8+ 37.Kd2 Ne6



38.Rd6 Bxd3 39.Kxd3 Endgame. KRN-KRN

[Less strong is 39.Rxd3 Nc5±]

39...Nc5+ 40.Kc2 Re3 41.Rxf6+ Kg7 Threatens to win with ...Re3xc3+. **42.Rf5 Kg6 43.g4 h5 44.h3 h4**

(Diagram)

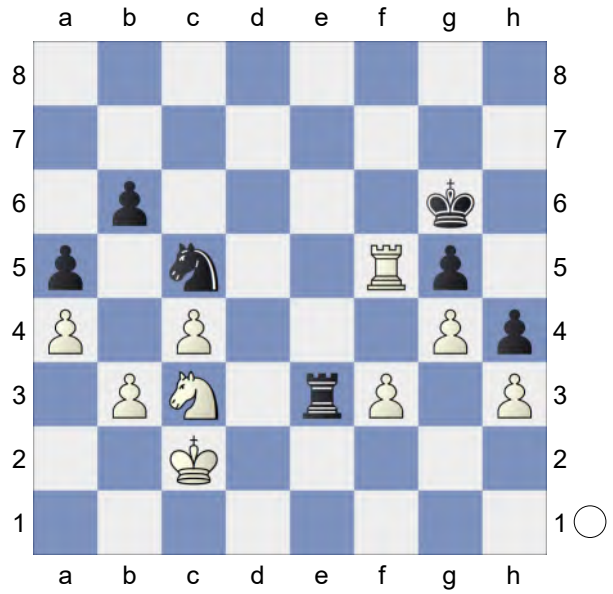
45.Nd5! Rxb3 46.Ne7+ Kh6

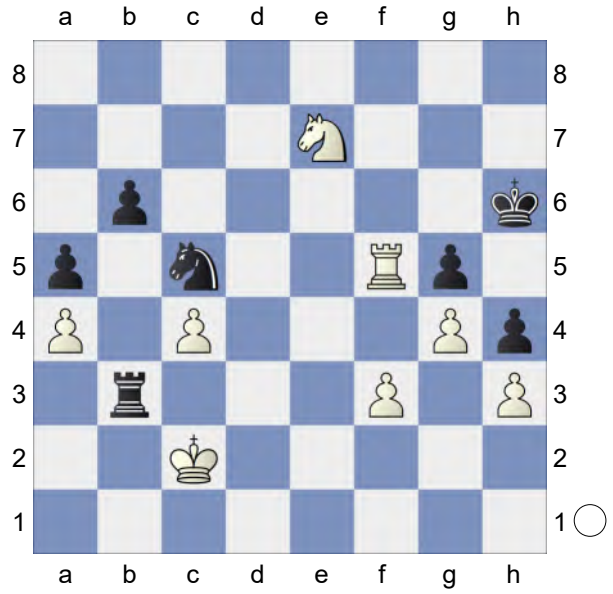
(Diagram)

47.Rxc5! Rxf3 KRN-KR

[47...Rb4 48.Rc6+]

48.Rc6+ Kh7 49.Nf5 Rxh3 50.Rh6+ Kg8 51.Rg6+ Kf7 52.Rxg5 Ra3

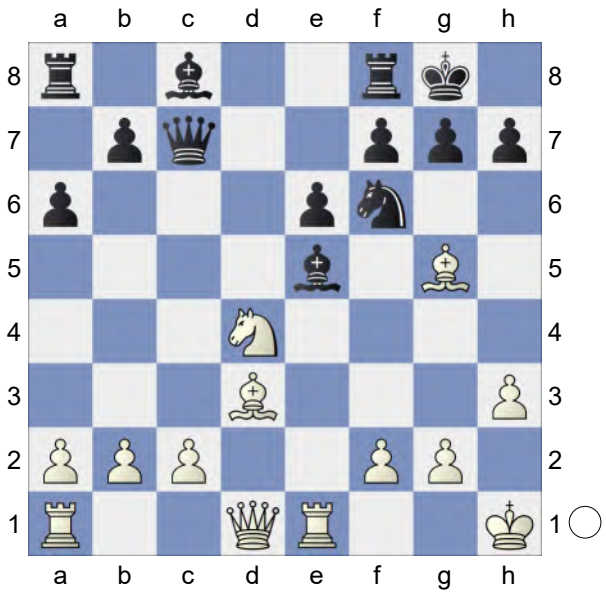




53.Rh5 h3 54.Rh6 Rxa4 55.Kb3
[55.Rxh3 Rxc4+ 56.Kd3 Rb4±]
55...Rb4+ 56.Kc3 And now g4-g5! would win. **56...Rb1 57.Rxh3 Rc1+ 58.Kd4 Rg1 59.Ke5 Re1+ 60.Re3 Rc1 61.Rb3 Kf8 62.Rxb6 Rxc4 63.Rb8+ Kf7 64.Nd6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.36
1-0

C07
□ **Fier,Alexandr** **2604**
■ **Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag** **2537**
Caioba op 7th (5) 21.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

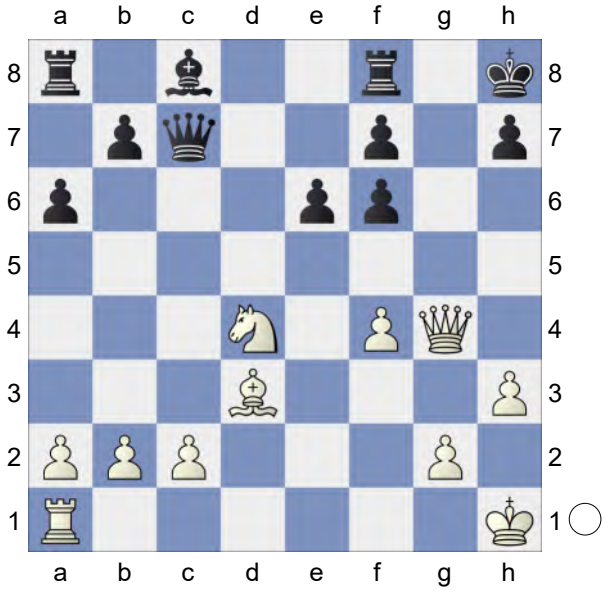
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 a6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qc7 11.Bd3** is currently scoring better than 11.Bb3. wohl besser als 11.Lb3. **11...Bd6 12.Re1 Nf6** Prevents Qd1-g4 **13.h3** next Nd4-f5 is good for White. The position is equal. **13...0-0 14.Bg5 Bh2+ 15.Kh1** Threatens to win with Bg5xf6. **15...Be5**



16.Rxe5 Qxe5 17.f4 Qc7N
[Vorgänger: 17...Qd5 18.Bxf6! gxf6 19.Qg4+ Kh8 20.Qh4! f5 21.Qf6+ Kg8 22.Qg5+ Kh8 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Qg5+ Kh8 25.Qf6+ Kg8 26.Qg5+ ½-½ Seyid,H (2318)-Gasimov,P (2303) Baku NCC 2nd 2022 (8.5)]
[17...Qxd4? perishes. 18.Bxh7+ Nxh7 19.Qxd4+-]
18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qg4+

[19.Qh5!? f5□ 20.Qg5+ Kh8 21.Qf6+ Kg8 22.Qg5+ Kh8 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Nxf5 exf5 25.Qg5+ Kh8 26.Qf6+ Kg8 27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.Qf6+ Kg8=]

19...Kh8



...f6-f5 would now be deadly. **20.Qh4 f5 21.Qf6+ Kg8 22.Qg5+ Kh8** aiming for ...Qc7-d8. **23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Qg5+ Kh8** Hoping for ...Qc7-d8. **25.Qf6+ Kg8** A rather calm draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

½-½

C09

□ **Sychev,Klementy** **2543**
■ **Nikitenko,Mihail** **2529**
RUS-chT 31th (5.8) 06.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Qe7+ 7.Be2 Qc7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1 cxd4** White is slightly better. **10.Bb5+ Be7 11.Qe2 a6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.b4N**

[13.Nxd4 Ra7 *(13...c5 14.Nc6 Be6 15.Nxe7 Kxe7 16.Nb3 Rhe8 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bh4 g5 19.Bg3 Qb6 20.Be5 Ng8 21.Rad1 Rad8 22.Qe3 d4 23.Qg3 Rd7 24.f4 d3 25.f5 c4+ 26.Nd4 Rxd4 27.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 28.Qf2* 1-0 Badrinath,S (2033)-Kesharwani,S (1597) Jaipur op 1st 2024 (2) *)* 14.N2f3 *(14.Qe5 c5 15.Nf5 Qxe5 16.Rxe5 Bxf5 17.Rxf5 0-0 18.b3 a5 19.a4 g6 20.Re5 Bd6 21.Re1 Rc8 22.Bb2 Nd7 23.Rad1 Bf8 24.Nb1 Nb6 25.Nc3 Rd7 26.Nb5 Bg7 27.Bc1 h5 28.g3 d4* ½-½ Mamedov,R (2678)-Harikrishna, P (2733) 33rd ECC Open 2017 (7.1)*)* 14...c5 15.Nb3 0-0 16.Bg5 Be6 17.c4 dxc4 18.Nbd2 h6 19.Bh4 c3 20.bxc3 Nd5 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Ne4 Rc8 23.Rad1 Qc7 24.c4 Ne7 25.Nd6 Rd8 26.Qe5 Ng6 27.Qg3 Raa8 1-0 Lye,S (2063)-Zatonskih,A (2348) Kragero op 2023 (4) 28.Rd2 Rd7 29.Red1 Rad8 30.h4 Qb6 31.h5 Ne7 32.Ne8 Rxe8 33.Rxd7 Bxd7 34.Rxd7 Qb1+ 35.Kh2 Qf5 36.Qh3 Qf4+ 37.Qg3 Qxc4 38.Qe5 Kf8 39.Qd6 Qg4 40.Ne5 Qxh5+ 41.Kg1 Qf5 42.Rxe7 Rxe7 1-0 Ripari,M (2063)-The Caveman Theory (2348) K0006 www.desc-online.de 1999 (4)]

13...Ra7 14.Bb2 0-0 15.Bxd4 Rb7 0.82/25

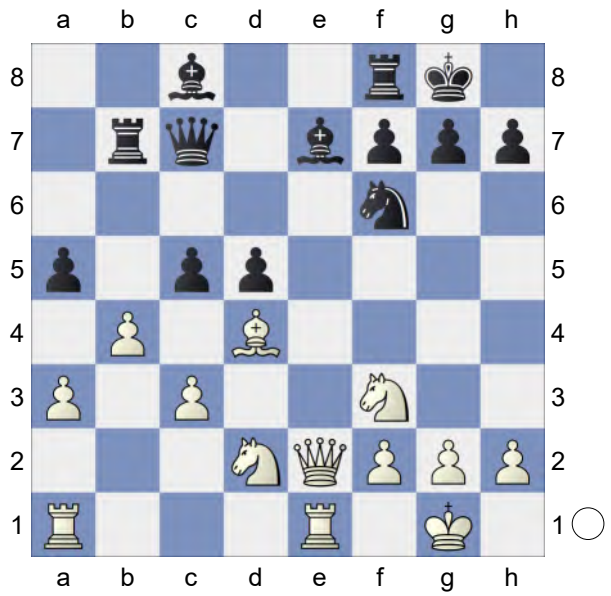
[15...Bxb4!= 0.12/24 remains equal. 16.c3 Bd6]

16.c3 White is more active.

[Much worse is 16.Qxa6 Rxb4 17.Qe2 Be6∓]

16...a5 17.a3 c5 1.33/20

[⌓17...Bg4 0.79/20]



18.Qxe7!± Double Attack **18...cxd4**
[Much weaker is 18...Qxe7?! 19.Rxe7 Rxe7 20.Bxc5=]
19.Qxc7 Rxc7 20.cxd4 0.29/22
[White must play 20.Nxd4± 1.25/28 Hoping for Nd2-b3. Rxc3 21.bxa5]
20...axb4= 21.axb4 Rb7 22.Reb1 Bf5 23.Rb2 Rfb8 24.Ne5 Kf8 25.Ra4 Nd7 26.h3 f6 27.Ng4 0.01/31
[27.Nc6± 0.46/23 Rc8 28.Ra7]
27...Bxg4 28.hxg4 Nb6 29.Ra5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

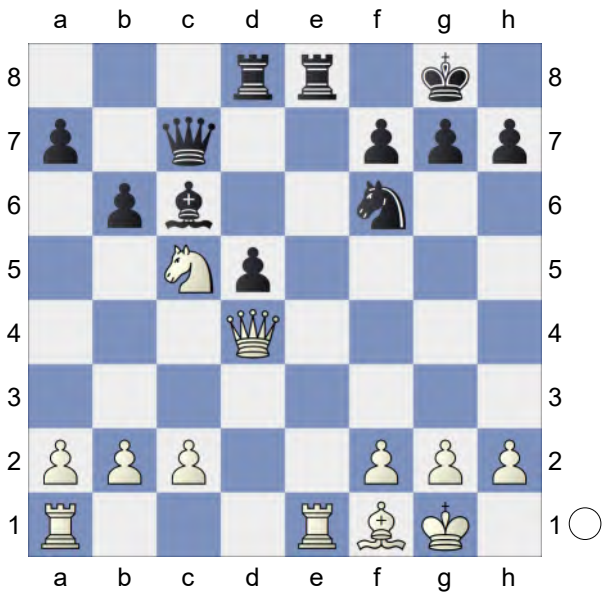
C09

□ **Pavlidis,Antonios** **2550**
■ **Fridman,Daniel** **2603**
Bundesliga 2223 (6.7) 05.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Bb5+ Nc6 6.Ngf3 Qe7+!** is recently more successful than 6...Bd6. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 6...Ld6. **7.Be2 Qc7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1 cxd4** White is slightly better. **10.Nb3 Bb4 11.Bd2 Bxd2 12.Qxd2** Threatens to win with Be2-b5+. **12...0-0 13.Nfxd4 Bd7 14.Nc5**
[14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Bf3 Rfe8 16.Qd4 a6 17.c3 Re7 18.Rxe7 Qxe7 19.Qc5 Qe5 20.Na5 Re8 21.h3 Re6 22.Qb4 Qc7 23.c4 Qf4 24.Nxb7 Bxb7 25.Qxb7 Qxc4 26.Qb8+ Re8 27.Qb3 Qc5 28.Qc3 Qxc3 0-1 Wachs (2580)-Landenbergue,C (2655) 99/(29) Gibraltar 2006 (9)]
14...Rad8
[14...Qb6 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.c4 Nf6 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Rad1 Rac8 20.Bf3 Rfe8 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.g3 g6 23.Kg2 Kg7 24.Qd4 Qxd4 25.Rxd4 Rc8 26.a4 Kf8 27.g4 g5 28.Rb4 Rc2 29.a5 ½-½ Aslanov,U (2239)-Hamidov,A (2091) AZE-ch Prelim 78th 2024 (4)]
15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Qd4N
[Predecessor: 16.Bf3 Rfe8 17.Nb3 h6 18.Rxe8+ Rxe8 19.Rd1 Ne4 20.Qc1 a5 21.c3 Ba4 22.Rd4 ½-½ Dunlop,G (2518)-Tauber,H (2501) ICCF GMN/A/04 email 2020]
[16.Nb3 h6 17.h3 Rfe8 18.Rad1 Ne4 19.Qd3 a6 20.Nd4 Bd7 21.Bf1 Nc5 22.Qf3 Ne6 23.Nxe6 Rxe6 24.Bd3 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Kf8 26.a3 Qd6 27.Bf1 Bc6 28.Qd3 Qf6 29.c3 Kg8 30.Qd4 1-0 Bellmann,H (2273)-Hoffmann,H (1782) corr 21.PV-17-S 2019]
16...Rfe8 17.Bf1 b6

(Diagram)

aiming for ...Re8xe1. **18.Na6 Qd7** The position is equal. **19.f3 Bb5 20.Rxe8+ Nxe8** Weighted Error Value:



White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)
½-½

C07

□ **Svane,Rasmus** **2623**
■ **Srihari,L R** **2490**

Titled Tuesday intern op 12th Mar Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Ngf3 Qxc5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0** The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.a4 Qc7 11.a5 Nc5 12.Bc4 Rd8**

[12...Bd6 13.Re1 Re8 14.b3 Ncd7 15.Bb2 Bb4 16.Red1 Bxa5 17.Ne4 Bb4 18.Bb5 Rd8 19.Nfg5 h6 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Nxf6+ Nxf6 22.Bxf6 Rf8 23.Be5 Qe7 24.Rd3 Bc5 25.Rf1 Rf5 26.Rg3 Rg5 27.Rxg5 1-0 Demchenko,A (2645)-Areshchenko,A (2652) FIDE World Cup 2017 (1.3) Qxg5 28.Kh1 Qf5 29.f4 Qf7 30.Qe4 Qf5 31.Qf3 Be7 32.Qg3 Bf8 33.Bd3 Qh5 34.Bg6 Qe2 35.Re1 Qd2 36.Bd3 Qa5 37.Rf1 Bd7 38.Qg6 Rd8 39.Qh7+ Kf7 40.Bg6+ Ke7 41.Bxg7 Bxg7 42.Qxg7+ 1-0 Demchenko,A (2679)-Svane,R (2600) Deutschland 138/120 2018]

13.Re1N 0.00/25 New and interesting. Theoretisch interessant.

[Vorgänger: 13.Ne5 Bd6 14.Ndf3 Nce4 15.Bf4 *(15.Rd1!?)* 15...g5 16.Bd3 -0.56/18 *(16.Bc1!=* 0.00/23 *)* 16...gxf4∓ 17.Bxe4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Bxe5 19.Nxe5 ½-½ Movsesian,S (2671)-Erdos,V (2624) EU-chT (Men) 21st 2017 (5.2)]

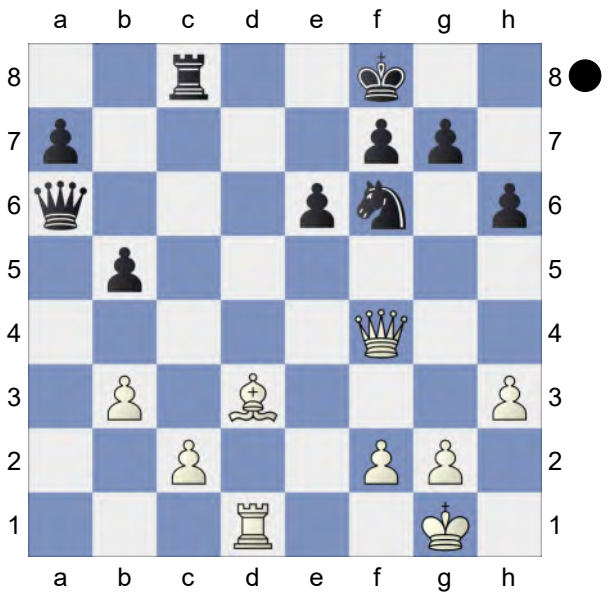
[13.b4± 0.42/22 Ncd7 14.b5]

[13.b3 Bd7 14.Ne5 Be8 15.Bb2 Nd5 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Bf6 18.Rfe1 Rac8 19.h4 Nb4 20.h5 h6 21.Re2 Nc6 22.Bd3 Bxe5 23.Bxe5 Nxe5 24.Qxe5 Qc3 25.Qxc3 Rxc3 26.f3 Rd5 27.g4 Bb5 0-1 Johnsen,S (2479)-8.h3 ♗a7 9.♘f1_65046 (2540) (ol) 50/217 Novi Sad 1990 (9) 28.Bxb5 Rxb5 29.Kf2 a6 30.Ra2 Kf8 31.Re3 Rcc5 32.c4 Rxa5 33.Rd2 Rc7 34.Red3 Ke7 35.Rd8 Ra3 36.Rg8 Kf6 37.Rd3 Rxc4 38.Ke3 Rb4 39.f4 Rbxb3 40.Rxb3 Rxb3+ 41.Ke4 Rb4+ 42.Kf3 a5 0-1 Johnsen,S (2479)-8.h3 Ba7 9.Nf1 (2540) (ol) 50/217 Novi Sad 1990 (9)]

13...Bd7= 14.b3 Bc6 15.Bb2 Nce4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Nd4 Hoping for Nd4xc6. **17...Bf6 18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.a6 b6 21.Rad1 Kf8 22.h3 h6 23.Qe3 Rac8 24.Qc1 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 b5** Discovered Attack **26.Bd3 Qxa6 27.Qf4** -0.72/28

[27.Qd2∓ -0.32/27 feels stronger.]

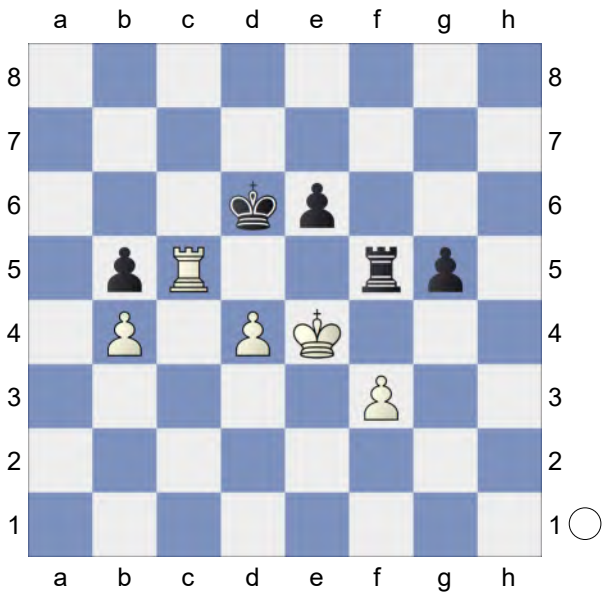
(Diagram)



27...Qb6 -0.31/22
[Black should try 27...Nd5!∓ -0.72/28 28.Qf3 Qb6 29.Bxb5 Rxc2 *(29...Qxb5 30.c4=)*]
28.Qb4+∓ Qc5 29.Qxc5+ Rxc5= Endgame. KRB-KRN **30.Ra1 Nd5 31.Rxa7 Nb4 32.Rb7 Nxd3 33.cxd3** KR-KR **33...Rd5 34.Kf1 g5 35.Ke2 Kg7 36.g3 Kg6 37.Ke3 Kf6 38.d4 Kg6 39.Ke4 h5 40.g4 hxg4 41.hxg4 Kf6 42.f3 Kg6 43.Rc7** 0.00/35 White is more active.
[43.Rb6± 0.72/28]
43...f5+ 44.gxf5+ Rxf5 45.Rc6 Kf6 46.Rc5 Rf4+ 47.Ke3 Rf5 48.b4 Ke7 49.Ke4 Kd6? #52/22
[49...Rf4+= 0.00/36 50.Ke3 Rf5]

(Diagram)

50.Rxf5 White mates. **50...exf5+ 51.Kxf5 Kd5 52.Kxg5** KP-KP **52...Kc4 53.f4 Kxb4 54.f5 Kc4 55.f6 b4 56.f7 b3 57.f8Q**
[57.f8B b2 *(57...Kxd4 58.Be7=)* 58.Be7 b1Q *(58...b1B 59.d5=)* 59.Bf6 Kd5 60.Bh8 Qc1+ 61.Kg6



Ke6 62.d5+ Kxd5 63.Kf7 Qc7+ 64.Kf6 Qe5+ 65.Kg6 Qxh8 66.Kf5 Qh4 67.Kg6 Ke6 68.Kg7 Qg5+ 69.Kh7 Kf7 70.Kh8 Qh6#]
57...b2 58.Qb8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
1-0

C07
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**
■ **Iskusnyh,Sergei** **2440**
Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Feb Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6** 8...Bd6 is better than 8...Qc7. 8...Ld6 ist besser als 8...Dc7. **9.Qe2 Ne7 10.Nf3 Ng6** The position is equal. **11.0-0 0-0 12.c4**
[12.e5 Bc7 13.Ng5 Qe8 14.f4 f5 15.c4 Bb6+ 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.b3 a5 18.Bd2 a4 19.b4 c5 20.Rab1 Rb8 21.Rfc1 d4 22.a3 ½-½ Fedorchuk,S

(2635)-Vitiugov,N (2726) Deutschland 114/(90) 2012]

12...Nf4N

[12...dxe4 13.Bxe4 f5 14.Bc2 e5 15.c5 Bc7 16.Bb3+ Kh8 17.Ng5 Qe8 18.Nxh7 Nf4 19.Bxf4 Kxh7 20.Bd2 Be6 21.Rfc1 Rd8 22.Bc3 Bd5 23.Re1 Qg6 24.Bxd5 Rxd5 25.Rad1 Rfd8 26.Rxd5 Rxd5 27.b4 ½-½ Bezerra,N (1950)-Lage,P (2061) Rio de Janeiro op 3rd 2024 (5)]

13.Bxf4 Bxf4 14.Rad1 Qf6 15.e5N

[Vorgänger: 15.Bb1 g6 16.b3 Rfe8 17.e5 Qe7 18.g3 Bh6 19.h4 Bg7 20.h5 c5! 21.Qe3 0-1 Bjerre,J (2357)-Ozen,D (2380) EU-chT U18 Rymanow Zdroj 2017 (6.4)]

15...Qe7 16.g3 Bh6 17.h4 Rfb8 18.Nh2 Strongly threatening Nh2-g4.

18...g6 0.73/23

[18...f5= 0.19/23 keeps the balance.]

19.h5 Bg7 20.Rfe1 a5 21.b3 0.10/21

[21.hxg6± 0.47/22 deserves consideration. hxg6 22.f4]

21...a4= 22.Bc2 axb3 23.Bxb3 Rb4 24.Rd4 -0.36/20

[24.Qf3= 0.00/23 feels stronger.]

24...c5∓ 25.Rh4 g5 0.06/22

[25...Bc6∓ -0.61/22]

26.Rg4= dxc4! 27.Rxc4 Bb5 28.Qf3 Rb8 0.37/23

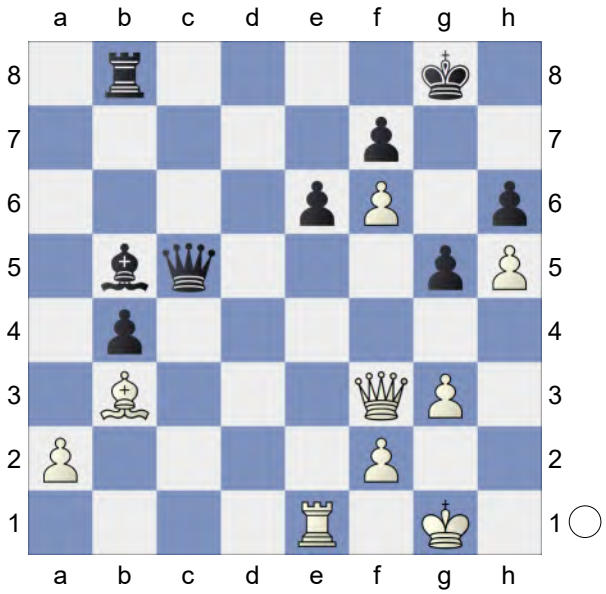
[28...Rc8= 0.00/27 29.Rxb4 cxb4]

29.Rxb4± cxb4 30.Ng4 Black must now prevent h5-h6. **30...h6 31.Nf6+ Bxf6! 32.exf6 Qc5** 1.73/24

[32...Qd6= 0.06/25 and Black stays safe.]

(Diagram)

33.Bxe6! Weighted Error Value: White=0.



15 (very precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)

1-0

C07

□ **Jones,B.** **2682**

■ **Mcshane,Luke J** **2664**

GBR-ch KO London (4.2) 16.12.2018

[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3

[4.exd5 is played somewhat more often, after Qxd5 *(Although Korchnoi never lost after 4...exd5 against Karpov, nowadays French fans prefer to avoid playing with the isolani.)* the independent continuation is 5.dxc5 and now: *(5.Ngf3 cxd4* transposes to the main line *)*

A) Black has more often played 5...Bxc5 6.Ngf3 Nf6 More popular is immediately hitting the ♕ with

A1) 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qe2 Nbd7

A1a) 9.Ne4 b6 10.Nxc5 Qxc5 *(10...Nxc5∞)* 11.Be3 *(11.0-0 Bb7⇄)* 11...Qc7 12.Bd4 Bb7 13.0-0-0 Nc5 14.Be5 Nxd3+ 15.Rxd3 Qc4

16.Nd4 Be4 17.Re3 Qxa2 18.Bxf6 Bg6 19.Ra3 Qd5∓ Kasparov,G (2770)-Anand,V (2650) Reggio Emilia 1992 Anand's only classical win with black against Kasparov was annotated by Knaak in CBM 027.;

A1b) 9.b3

A1b1) 9...b6 10.Bb2 Bb7 11.0-0-0 a5 12.Rhe1?! *(12.a4±)* 12...a4 13.Ne4 Qh5 14.Nfg5 Qh6 15.Kb1 axb3 16.axb3 Ba3 17.Nxf6+ Nxf6⇄ 18.Bxf6? Qxf6 19.Bxh7+ Kh8 20.Qh5 Qb2# Rublevsky,S (2595)-Beliavsky,A (2650) Novosibirsk 1995;

A1b2) 9...Ng4!? 10.0-0 Nde5 11.Be4 Nxf3+ 12.Nxf3 Qh5 13.Bf4 Nf6 14.Rad1 Qg4 15.Qc4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 f6 17.h3 Qg6 18.Qc4 Bb6 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.fxe3 Qe8 21.Ng5 Qe7 22.Ne4 Rd8 23.Rd4 Rxd4 24.exd4 b6 25.d5 Bb7 26.d6 Rublevsky,S (2685)-Ivanov,S (2550) St Petersburg 1998 Qf7 27.Ng5 Bd5!=;

A2) 7.Bc4 Qc6 8.Qe2 *(8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 a6 10.a4 b6 11.Nb3 Bb7 12.Nxc5 Nxc5* Zherebukh,Y (2605)-So,W (2822) Saint Louis 2017 *13.b3±)* 8...0-0

A2a) 9.Nb3 Be7 *(⌓9...Bd6!?)* 10.Bf4! a6 11.0-0 b5 12.Bd3 Qb6 13.a4 Nd5 14.Bg3 b4 15.a5 Qd8 16.Ne5 Bb7 17.Rfd1 Nd7 18.Nc4 Qc8 Adams,M (2745)-Gupta,A (2626) Douglas 2016 19.Nd6↑ *(19.Be4!?)*;

A2b) 9.0-0 b6 *(*More promising is *9...a6!? Δ 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Nb3 Bd6⇄)* 10.Nb3 Bb7 11.Nxc5 Qxc5 12.b3 Nbd7 13.Bb2 Qh5 14.Ne5 Qxe2 15.Bxe2 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Rfd8 17.Rfd1 Ne4 18.f3 Nc5 19.Kf2 f6 20.Bc7 Rdc8 21.Bd6 Bd5 22.c4 Bc6 23.b4 Bruzon Batista,L (2653)-Lenderman,A (2626) Saint Louis 2018 Black had to defend this unpleasant endgame for a long time.;

B) Because of the problems, indicated above, Black started paying more attention to 5...Qxc5, the idea is to first hide the exposed ♕ and flexibly develop the minor pieces: 6.Ngf3 *(* Interesting is *6.Ne4!? Qb4+ 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.a3 Qa5 9.Bd3 a6 10.Bf4 Nbd7 11.Nf3 Nh5 12.b4 Qd8 13.Be3 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Ne4±* Karjakin,S (2769)-Giri,A (2714) Wijk aan Zee 2012 For details see the notes to this game in CBM 147 by Kritz. *)* 6...Nf6 7.Bd3 Be7 *(7...Nbd7 8.0-0 Qc7!?* is a viable and possibly more accurate alternative, after *9.Qe2 Nc5 10.Bb5+ Bd7* Black should gradually equalize. *)* 8.0-0 Nbd7

B1) 9.Qe2 Vitiugov recommends the immediate

B1a) 9...0-0 10.Ne4 Nxe4 11.Qxe4 Nf6 *(11...Qh5!?)* 12.Qh4±;

B1b) ⌓9...Qc7!? to take the sting out of ♘e4.;

B2) 9.a4

B2a) 9...b6 10.a5 b5? *(⌓10...0-0; 10...Bb7!?)* 11.Nb3 Qh5 12.a6! b4 13.Be2 Nb6 14.Ra5 Nbd5 15.Ng5 Qg6 16.Bd3 Qh5 17.Bb5+ Kf8 18.Qxh5 Nxh5 19.Bc6 Rb8 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Be3± Adams,M (2751)-Ju,W (2583) Caleta 2017 See the notes to this game in CBM 177 by Kr.Szabo.;

B2b) 9...Qc7

B2b1) 10.Nb3 b6 *(10...0-0 11.a5 Nd5 12.c3 N7f6 13.Re1 Rd8 14.Nbd4 Bd7 15.a6 Rab8 16.Ne5 Bd6 17.Qe2 bxa6 18.Bxa6 Be8 19.Ndf3 h6 20.Qc4 Qb6 21.Qa2± Tiviakov,S (2668)-Popilski,G (2493) Douglas 2014)* 11.a5 Bb7 12.a6 Bd5 13.Nbd4 Rd8 14.Qe2 0-0 15.c4 Ba8 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.Nfd4?! *(17.Bc2∞)* 17...Nc5 18.Bc2 Nxa6! 19.Be3?! *(19.Rxa6 Qb7 20.Nc6 Qxa6!∓)* 19...Rd7∓ Kosteniuk,A (2543)-Ju,W (2568) WChW Khanty-Mansiysk 2018;

B2b2) 10.a5 Nc5 11.Bc4 0-0 12.Qe2 Rd8 *(12...Bd7!?)* 13.Ne5 Bd6 14.Ndf3 Nce4 15.Bf4?! *(⌓15.Rd1! Bd7 16.Nxd7 Rxd7± /⇄)* 15...g5! 16.Bd3 gxf4 17.Bxe4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Bxe5 19.Nxe5 f6 20.Nf3 e5 21.Rfd1 Be6 22.h3 Qc6 23.Qxc6 bxc6∓ Movsesian,S (2671)-Erdos,V (2624) Heraklio 2017;

C) 5...Nf6!? 6.Ngf3 *(6.Nb3 Qxd1+ 7.Kxd1 Bd7!=)* 6...Qxc5 is a refined move-order, which transposes into 5... ♕xc5, while avoiding the line from Karjakin-Giri above.]

4...cxd4 5.exd5

[Black must be well prepared also for 5.Nxd4 , when he has two main moves: Black has also

A) 5...Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6 *(8...Qc7 9.Qe2 Ne7 10.0-0 Ng6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.Re1 Nf4 13.Bxf4 Bxf4 14.g3 Bd6 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Rac1 Rd8 17.c4 dxc4 18.Rxc4 Qb6 19.Ne5 Bxe5 20.Qxe5 0-0 21.a3 Rc8 22.Rd4± Bc6? 23.Bxh7+ Kxh7 24.Rg4 1-0, Kovalev,V (2687)-Kuipers,S (2470) Wijk aan Zee 2019)* 9.Qe2 Aagaard prefers giving up the idea to develop the ♘ to f6 with

A1) 9...Qc7 10.Nf3 dxe4 11.Qxe4 Nf6 12.Qh4 h6 *(12...Rb8?! 13.0-0 Nd5 14.Re1 Be7? 15.Qg4 g6 16.c4! f5 17.Bxf5! Nf6 18.Qf4 Qxf4 19.Bxf4 Rxb2 20.Bxe6 Bc5 21.Bxd7+ Kxd7 22.Ne5+ Kc8 23.Nd3 1-0, Yudasin,L (2605)-Gulko,B (2635) Biel 1993)* 13.0-0 c5 14.Nd2! Nd5 15.Nc4 Bf4 16.Re1 Rb8 17.Be4 Bxc1 18.Raxc1 Nb6?! *(Marin's ⌓18...0-0* is at best only slightly better for White*)* 19.Ne3 0-0 20.b3 f5 21.Bd3 e5 22.f3± Ponomariov,R (2741)-Morozevich,A (2748) Tashkent 2012 White is better, as Black's pawns are vulnerable.;

A2) 9...Ne7!? 10.Nf3 Ng6 11.0-0 0-0 , eading to a complex

position with mutual chances:

A2a) 12.c4 Qc7 13.Re1 *(13.cxd5 cxd5 14.exd5 exd5⇄* and Black has good piece play to compensate the isolani. *)* 13...dxc4 *(13...e5!? 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.exd5 f5⩱)* 14.Bxc4 c5⇄;

A2b) 12.e5 Bc7

A2b1) 13.c4!? Qe7 14.Bd2 c5!?∞ *(14...f6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Rfe1 g5* Tal,M-Kortschnoj,V Moscow blitz 1972 *17.h3!±)*;

A2b2) 13.Ng5 Qe8 14.f4 *(14.b3 h6 15.Nf3 c5 16.Ba3 Bb6 17.Qd2 a5 18.Rfe1 Bc6 19.c3 Qd8 20.Rad1 Re8 21.Bb1* Durarbayli,V (2621)-Libiszewski,F (2522) Doha 2014 *Rc8∞)*

A2b21) Na 14...h6 15.Nf3 c5 16.c4 d4?! Nielsen,H (2300)-Andersen,M (2459) Reykjavik 2015 17.Nd2± alebo aj 17.b4!? viedlo k výhode bieleho. *(17.b4!?)*;

A2b22) 14...f5 15.c4 Bb6+ 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.b3 a5 18.Bd2 a4 *(18...c5!?⇄)* 19.b4 c5 20.Rab1 Rb8 21.Rfc1 d4 22.a3∞ ½, Fedorchuk,S (2635)-Vitiugov,N (2726) Germany 2012;

B) 5...Nf6 6.exd5 aand now: *(6.e5 Nfd7 7.N2f3 Nc6 8.Bb5 Qc7 9.0-0 a6∞* is at best unclear *)*

B1) 6...Nxd5 has long been considered more comfortable for White, a recent example is 7.Ne4 *(7.N2f3 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Bf6 10.c4 Nb4 11.Be4 Qe7 12.a3 N4c6 13.Nxc6 Nxc6 14.Qc2 g6 15.Be3 Rd8 16.Rad1 Rxd1 17.Rxd1 a5 18.c5±* Ivanov,A (2530)-Gulko,B (2620) Modesto 1995*)* 7...Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nd7 *(9...Nc6!?±)* 10.Qe2 Nc5 11.Rd1 a6 12.Nf5 exf5 13.Nxc5 Bxc5 14.Bxd5 Qb6 15.a4 Be6 16.a5 Qc7 17.Bxe6 Rae8 18.Bxf7+ Qxf7 19.Qd3 f4 20.Ra4 g5 21.Re4± Kovalev,V (2664)-Gupta,A (2588) Douglas 2018;

B2) Once Black is ready to take on d5 with the ♕ on move 4, even now 6...Qxd5!? makes sense: 7.Nb5 *(7.N2f3 Nc6 8.Nxc6 Qxc6 9.Bd3 Qc7 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.0-0 Bc5 13.Qe2 0-0 14.c3 Rfe8 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Qxe3 Nb6 17.Rfd1 Rad8 18.Qe2 h6=* Godena,M (2537)-Caruana,F (2652) Reggio Emilia 2010 *)*

B2a) 7...Na6 8.Nc3

B2a1) After 8...Qd8!? 9.a3 Be7 10.Qf3 White does have an excellent score, but objectively the position is not so clear after Nc7 *(10...Nc5;* , or even *10...Nb8)*;

B2a2) 8...Qd6 9.a3 Bd7 10.Qe2!? *(10.Qf3 Bc6 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Nc7 13.Nc4 Ne4 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.c3 f6=* ½, Popovic,D (2521)-Predojevic,B (2652) Bihac 2016*; 10.Nc4 Qxd1+*

11.Nxd1 Nc5 12.Nc3 Na4 13.Nxa4 Bxa4 14.b3 Bd7 15.Bb2 0-0-0 16.Bd3 Nd5 17.0-0-0 f6 18.Be4 b6 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Rxd5 Be6 21.Rxd8+ Kxd8 22.Nd2 Bd5 23.Nf3 Kc7 24.Rd1 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Bd6⩱ Kovalev,V (2655)-Nisipeanu,L (2672) Dortmund 2018*)* 10...Be7 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.Qe5 0-0 13.Bf4 and the offside ♘a6 causes problems: Rfc8 *(13...Qxe5+ 14.Nxe5 Be8 15.Bxa6!? bxa6 16.0-0-0±)* 14.0-0-0 Qxe5 15.Bxe5 Be8 16.Nd6 Bxd6 17.Bxd6 Nc5 18.Rd4 Nd5 19.Nxd5 Nb3+ 20.Kb1 Nxd4 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Nxc8 Rxc8 23.Bd3 Bc6 24.f3± Balogh,C (2632)-Petrik,T (2473) Czech Republic 2018 Black had to defend an unpleasant endgame.;

B2b) Recently Black tried 7...Qd8 and it's in the similar spirit as the 5... ♕xc5 line from the previous note - Black first resolves his ♕ and only then worries about developing his minor pieces: 8.Nc4 *(*Too soft is *8.Bd3 a6 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.0-0 Ne5 11.Be2* Vachier Lagrave,M (2796)-Caruana,F (2808) Paris blitz 2017 *Bd7! 12.Nf3 Ng6∞ /∓; 8.Nb3 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6! 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Nd6+ Bxd6 12.Bxd6 Ne4=* Ragger/ White can't retain the ♙ and he gets nothing. *)* 8...Nd5

B2b1) 9.Qh5 a6 *(9...Be7 10.Bd3)* 10.Bg5 g6 11.Bxd8 gxh5 12.Nc7+ Kxd8 13.Nxa8 b5 14.Ncb6 is complex, but roughly equal after Bc5∞ *(14...Nd7!?∞)*;

B2b2) 9.Ne3 a6!? *(* This replace the older move *9...Nc7 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.a4↑)* 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Nd4 Nc6 12.Be3 *(12.Be2 Bd6* bude len prehodenie ťahov *)*

B2b21) 12...Qf6 13.c3 *(* ⌓*13.Qd2!±* Ragger Δ0-0-0 *)* 13...Bc5 14.Be2 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Qxd4 17.cxd4 Be6 18.Rc1 Kd7 19.Kd2 Rhc8 20.Bd3 Kd6= ½, Schroeder,J (2552)-Van Kampen,R (2646) Germany 2018;

B2b22) 12...Bd6! 13.Be2 *(13.g3!?N 0-0 14.Bg2 Ne5 15.0-0 Bg4 16.f3 Bd7⇄* Ragger *)* 13...0-0 14.0-0 Re8!? *(* Even more accurate than *14...Qc7 15.g3 Bh3 16.Re1 Rfe8 17.Bf3 Rad8 18.c3 Ne5 19.Bf4 Nc4 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Qc2 g6 22.Re2 Re5= /±*, Mammadzada,G (2392)-Cornette,D (2467) Stary Smokovec 2018*)* 15.c3 Qc7 16.h3 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Bf4 18.Bxf4 Qxf4 19.Bf3 Nxd4 20.Qxd4 Qxd4 21.cxd4

Ragger,M (2659)-Cornette,M (2602) Germany 2018 Be6= Although this branch leads to a position with an isolani, which Black avoids in the ... ♕xd5 lines, here the burden of proof to get even a slight plus is on White.]

5...Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd7 McShane returned to the French after a long break and started playing the modern text-move. Black doesn't need d7 for the ♗c8, which he can even fianchetto after b5. The ♕ can move to c7, or stay on d7, leaving the ⇗a3-f8 free for the ♗f8. Let's check the new developments after the recently standard retreat

[6...Qd6

A) 7.Qe2 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Bg5 is sharp, but after a6!? *(9...Qb4+ 10.Bd2 Qb6 11.0-0-0 Bd7⇄)* 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Bd3 Be7 Black has little to fear in the arising complications.;

B) 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 and now: More flexible is the immediate

B1) 11.Bb3 Therefore more popular is

B1a) 11...Bd7 12.c3 Qc7 *(12...0-0-0 13.Qf3 Qc7* also hasn't been fully refuted.*)* 13.Bg5

B1a1) 13...h5?! 14.Qf3 Bd6 15.h3 Bh2+ 16.Kh1 Be5 17.Rfe1 0-0-0 18.Rad1 Rdg8 *(18...Rde8!?±)* 19.Qe3 Bd6 20.Nf3 Bc5 21.Qd2 Ng4 22.Bf4 Nxf2+ 23.Kh2 Qd8 24.Re5→ Svidler,P (2630)-Glek,I (2635) Haifa 1996 For details see the notes in CBM 054.;

B1a2) 13...0-0-0 is recommended by Vitiugov in his 2012 book about the French Defence. However, games like Svidler-Glek above have mostly discouraged Black from branches with 0-0-0 in this line.;

B1b) 11...Qc7

B1b1) White gets nothing in the tactical shootout after 12.Re1 Bd6 13.Nf5 Bxh2+ 14.Kh1 0-0 15.Nxg7 Rd8! 16.Qf3 Kxg7 17.Bh6+ Kg6 18.c3 Nh5 19.Be3 *(19.Bc1 Bf4 20.g4 Ng3+ 21.fxg3 Bxc1 22.Raxc1 b6 23.Bc2+ Kg7 24.Be4 Ra7 25.Rc2 Bb7 26.Rh2 Bxe4 27.Qxe4 Qb7 28.Rxh7+ Kg8 29.Qxb7 Rxb7 30.Rh2 Rd3 31.Kg2 Rd2+ 32.Kh3 Rxh2+ 33.Kxh2 Rd7 34.Re2 Kg7≅ /=, Brodsky,M (2530)-Glek,I (2566) Wijk aan Zee 1999)* 19...f5 20.g4 Nf6 21.gxf5+ exf5 22.Qg2+ Ng4 23.f3 b5 24.Bc2 *(24.Bd4? Kg5 25.Be6 Bg3 26.Bxc8 Raxc8 27.fxg4 Bxe1 28.Rxe1 Qc6 29.gxf5+ Qxg2+ 30.Kxg2 Kxf5* Petrov,M (2267)-Santos Ruiz,M (2431) Porto Carras 2015 *)* 24...Kf6 25.Bd4+ Rxd4 26.cxd4 Bb7 27.Bxf5 Nf2+! 28.Qxf2 Qf4 29.Bh3 Bg3 30.Re6+ Kg7 31.Qe3

Bxf3+ 32.Kg1 Bh2+ 33.Kf1 Bg4+ 34.Kg2 Bxe6 35.Qxf4 Bxf4 36.Bxe6 Rf8 ½, Mosadeghpour,M (2535)-Xu,Y (2539) Qinhuangdao 2018;

B1b2) 12.Qf3 Bd6 13.h3 0-0 14.Bg5

B1b21) 14...Bh2+ 15.Kh1 Be5 16.Rad1 h6 17.Bh4 Nd7 18.c3 Bf6 19.Bg3 Be5 20.Bc2 Nf6 21.Qd3 Bd7?! Nakamura,H (2781)-Lenderman,A (2565) Douglas 2017 *(21...Bf4□ 22.Ne2 e5±)* 22.Bh4!**± Δ** g5 23.f4! Bxf4 24.Rxf4 Qxf4 25.Bg3+-;

B1b22) 14...Nd7 15.c3 Ne5!? 16.Qh5 Ng6 17.Bc2 b6

B1b221) 18.Be4 Bb7 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Rad1 Bf4= *(20...Qc7=)*;

B1b222) 18.Rad1 Bb7 19.Nf3 Qc5 20.Qg4 f5!? 21.Qh5 Bf4 22.Nd4 Bd5 23.Rfe1 Rae8 24.Bxf5 exf5 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Bxf4 Bxg2 27.f3 Re2 28.Bc1 Qd5 29.c4 Qxc4 30.Nxe2 Qxe2 31.Rd8+ Nf8 32.Qxf5 Qe1+ 33.Kxg2 ½, Sobry,S (2157)-Arounopoulos,S (2345) email 2015 Qe2+ 34.Kg3 Qe1+ 35.Kg4 Qg1+ 36.Kh4 Qe1+=;

B2) 11.Re1 , as the ♗c4 can be used differently. After 11...Qc7 White is on a crossroads: Even more recent and interesting is

B2a) 12.Qe2 Interesting and possibly the best is Aagaard's prophylactic

B2a1) 12...Bd6 13.Bg5 0-0 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Bd3! and contrary to lines with ♗b3, the ♗ effectively joins the attack after Bxh2+ *(15...f5 16.Qh5↑)* 16.Kf1 Bf4 17.Qh5 f5 18.Rad1 Be5 19.c3 f6 20.Bc2 Qf7 21.Qh3 a5 22.g4 fxg4 23.Qxg4+ Kh8 24.Nf3 Bc7 25.Ke2 e5 26.Qh4 Qe7 27.Rh1 e4 28.Rd5!→ Dolgov,I (2343)-Majer,D (2172) email 2011;

B2a2) 12...Bc5 13.c3

B2a21) 13...h6 14.Nf5 Kf8 *(14...0-0 15.Nxh6+! gxh6 16.Bxh6↑)* 15.Nd4⟳;

B2a22) 13...0-0 14.Bg5 b5 *(14...Bxd4 15.cxd4 Nd5 16.Rac1±)* 15.Bd3 Nd5 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qh4 Bb7 18.a4 bxa4 19.Rxa4**±** Wei,Y (2729)-So,W (2780) chess.com blitz INT 2018 This is pleasant for White, although in email games the defence managed to hold.;

B2a3) 12...h6!?

B2a31) 13.b3 Bb4! 14.Bd2 Bxd2 15.Qxd2 0-0=;

B2a32) 13.Bd2 Bd6 14.Nf5 Bxh2+ 15.Kh1

0-0 16.Nxh6+ gxh6 17.Bc3 Nh7 18.Bd3 Bf4 19.Qg4+ Ng5 *(or 19...Bg5!? also holds)*;

B2a33) The most played move is 13.g3 b5 14.Bd3 *(14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Nxe6 Bxe6 16.Qxe6+ Be7 17.Bf4 Qd7 18.Qb3 Rd8 19.Re6 Kf8 20.Rae1 Bc5 21.Rxa6 Qd5∓)* 14...Bc5 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.Nb3 Bb7 17.Nxc5 Qxc5 18.Be5

B2a331) 18...Qc6 19.f3 Qxf3 20.Qxf3 Bxf3 21.a4 b4 22.Rf1 *(22.a5!?±)* 22...Be4 23.Rxf6 Bxd3 24.Rf2 f6 25.cxd3 fxe5 26.Rc1 Rf8⇄ Durarbayli,V (2620)-Baryshpolets,A (2597) New York 2018;

B2a332) ⌓18...0-0!? 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qe3 Qd5 21.f3 Qxf3 22.Qxf3 Bxf3 23.Rf1 Bc6 24.Rxf6 Kg7 25.Rf4 f5 26.g4 Kf6 27.gxf5 e5 28.Rh4 Kg5 29.Rh3 e4 30.Be2 Rxf5 31.Rd1 ½, Kunzelmann,F (2510)-Schulz,K (2369) email 2015 Raf8=;

B2a34) 13.h3 Bc5 14.Nf5 More circumspect is Aagaard's

B2a341) 14...0-0?! 15.Nxh6+ gxh6 16.Qf3! *(16.Bxh6? Qg3!∓)* 16...Be7 17.Bd3 Qc6 18.Re4! Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Qe8 20.Bxh6 Kh8 21.Bxf8 Qxf8 22.Qh5+ Kg7 23.Qh7+ Kf6 24.g4! *(24.Qh5 Kg7 25.Qh7+ Kf6 26.Qh5* ½, Jones,I (2221)-Hughes,S (2273) email 2016 *)* 24...Ke5 25.Rd1 f5 26.Bf3 Qf6 *(26...Kf6 27.g5+ Kxg5 28.Kh1 Kf6 29.Qh4+ Kf7 30.Qh5+ Kf6 31.h4!→)* 27.Bg2!→ is dangerous, according to the engine.;

B2a342) 14...Kf8! 15.Ne3 b6 *(or 15...b5 16.Bb3 Bb7* , preparing artificial castling. *)*;

B2b) 12.Bf1!?

B2b1) 12...Be7 13.Qf3 0-0 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.c4± is certainly playable for Black, but requires patient defence of a slightly worse position. *(17.Qg3!?)*;

B2b2) 12...Bd6

B2b21) The aggressive try is 13.Nf5 Bxh2+ 14.Kh1 Kf8□ *(14...0-0? 15.Nxg7 Rd8 16.Bd3 Kxg7 17.Qd2!±* wins the piece back with a clear plus.*)* 15.Qd4 exf5 16.Qxf6 h6 *(16...h5 17.Qd4±)* 17.Qd4± with good

compensation, but the position remains sharp and complex.;

B2b22) The more restrained move is 13.g3 0-0 14.Bg5 Be5 15.c3 Nd5 *(15...h6 16.Nf3!? Bxc3 17.Rc1 hxg5 18.Rxc3⩱ Z.Almasi)* 16.Bg2 h6 17.Bd2 Nf6 *(⌓17...Bxd4; 17...Bd7!? also gives good chances for equality.)* 18.Qf3 Rd8 19.Rac1 *(19.Nb3 a5!?⇄)* 19...Nd5 20.Qg4 f5? *(20...Bf6 Δ 21.Bxh6 e5 22.Nf5 Ne7 23.Be4 Bxf5 24.Bxf5 Nxf5 25.Qxf5 Qb6∞)* 21.Qe2 Bxd4 22.cxd4 Qf7 23.Qe5 Bd7 24.Bxd5 exd5 25.Rc7± Almasi,Z (2684)-Radjabov,T (2722) Baku 2016 See the notes to this game in CBM 175 by Almasi.]

7.0-0

[7.Nb3

A) 7...Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 Nf6 10.Nbxd4 a6? *(10...0-0±)* 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.Ne5 Qc7 13.Qe2 Nbd7 14.Nxf7! Rxf7 15.Nxe6 Qa5 Fernandez Barrera,V (2302)-Dvirnyy,D (2558) Linares 2017 16.Qd2!+-;

B) 7...Nc6 8.Nbxd4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 a6 10.Bf4 *(*We will consider *10.0-0 Qc7* below *)* 10...Nf6 *(Artificial is 10...Ne7?! 11.Qd2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 Bc5 13.Bg3 b5 14.Be2 0-0 15.Qc3 Qa7 16.Bf3 Bb7 17.Nxe6 fxe6! 18.Rd7±* Adams,M (2709)-Suarez Gomez,J (2486) Caleta 2018 *)* 11.0-0 *(11.a4 Bc5 12.Be5 0-0 13.c3 Qe7 14.0-0 Rd8 15.Qf3 Bd6 16.Rae1 h6 17.Qg3 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Qd6 19.Qe2 Bd7 20.Bb3 Bc6=* Teclaf,P (2373)-Szustakowski,A (2331) Katowice 2018 *)* 11...b5 12.Bb3

B1) 12...Bb7?! 13.Re1 Be7 *(13...Bc5? 14.Nxe6+- →)* 14.c3 *(14.Nxe6!?⩱)* 14...Nd5?! *(14...Bd5!±)* 15.Be5 0-0 16.Qg4 g6 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.h4! Bd6 19.h5 Qe8 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.Bxd5 Bxd5 22.Bf6 Be7 23.Qh4 Bxf6 24.Qxf6 Rd7 25.Nf5! exf5 26.Rxe8 Rxe8 27.Rd3+- Adams,M (2703)-McShane,L (2664) London 2018 As Adams didn't win this game, it was Luke who in the end advanced into the finals.;

B2) 12...Bc5 13.Be5 Bb7? *(⌓13...0-0 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qg4+ Kh8 16.Rfd1 Qb7 17.Qh4 Be7 18.Qh5 Rg8 19.g3 Bf8 20.Qh4 Be7 21.Qh5* ½, Plat,V (2510)-Vykouk,J (2424) Ostrava 2017*)* 14.c3? *(14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Bxe6! Qxd4 16.Qh5 Rf8 17.Rae1 Be7 18.Re3+- →)* 14...0-0 15.Qe2 Qe7 *(*Also playable is *15...Nd5 16.Qg4 g6 17.Rad1 Bd6 18.Rfe1 Rad8 19.h4 Bxe5 20.Rxe5 Qe7 21.Rde1 Qf6 22.g3 b4⇄* Rogic,D (2543)-Buhmann,R (2615) Austria 2016 The extra tempo in comparison with Adams-McShane gave Black counterplay.*)* 16.Rad1 Rad8 17.Rfe1 Ba8 18.Rd3 *(18.Bc2!?)* 18...g6 19.Qd2

(19.h3 is more circumspect) 19...Ng4 20.Bg3 e5 21.Bd1?! *(21.h3!?)* 21...Qf6 22.Bxg4? *(22.b4 Bb6 23.h3 was necessary)* 22...exd4 23.cxd4 Rxd4∓ Navara,D (2735)-Bartel,M (2631) Jerusalem 2015 See the notes to this game in CBM 166 by Bartel.]

7...Nc6 With the ♕ on d6 Black plays 7... ♘f6 first, so as not to worry about the ♘e4 sortie. Now Black can develop the ♘ g8 differently. **8.Nb3 a6 9.a4** Prevents b5 and wants to regain the ♙d4 after first connecting his rooks.

[After 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4

A) 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Nf6 12.Bf4 is too soft, Black has a wider choice: Bd7= *(12...Bc5* and*; 12...b5!?* are also good *)*;

B) 10.Nxd4 Qc7 the two main moves are:

B1) 11.Bb3 Bd6 12.Qh5 *(12.h3 Ne7* Δ0-0= doesn't cause Black problems, the ♕ sortie aims to complicate Black's development.*)* 12...Nf6 13.Qh4 Bd7! 14.Bg5 0-0-0 is one of the sub-lines, in which queenside castling works well - due to the exposed ♕h4: 15.Rad1 h6 16.Bxf6 gxf6

B1a) Na 17.Qxf6 Bxh2+ 18.Kh1 Qf4 19.Qe7 Rhg8 20.Qc5+ Qc7 21.Qh5 Ahmadzada,A (2340)-Bajarani,U (2451) Baku 2017 Bd6! *(21...Be5 22.Qxf7 Rg4 23.Nf3 Bxb2 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 25.Bxe6 Rg7 26.Qf8+ Qd8 27.Qb4 Qf6 28.Bxd7+ Rxd7 29.Re1* 1-0 (29) Ahmadzada,A (2340)-Bajarani,U (2451) Baku 2017 *)* 22.Qxf7 Rdf8→ Δ 23.Nxe6? Qc6;

B1b) 17.Rd3 Kb8

B1b1) 18.Rfd1 Be5 19.c3 Rdg8 20.Qh5 Rg5 21.Qh3 Rgg8 *(21...f5!?∓* Δ *22.Nf3 Bc6)* 22.Qh5 Rg5 23.Qh3 Rgg8 24.Qh5 Rg5 ½, Navara,D (2737)-Harikrishna,P (2737) Biel 2017;

B1b2) 18.Rc3 Qa5 19.Qxf6 Qg5! 20.Qxf7 Rhf8 21.Nxe6 Bxe6 22.Qxe6 Bc5 23.Qe1 Rxf2 24.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Rd2+ 26.Kf3 Qxg2+ 27.Ke3 Qg5+ 28.Kf3 Qf5+= Cornette,D (2447)-Landa,K (2613) Reykjavik 2018 Black has a perpetual.;

B2) 11.Qe2 Bd6 12.h3 *(12.Nf5 Bxh2+ 13.Kh1 Be5 14.Re1 g6! 15.Qxe5 Qxe5 16.Rxe5 gxf5* gives White some compensation for the pawn, but it gradually evaporated after *17.Bd2 Ne7 18.Bc3 Rg8 19.Re3 b5 20.Bf1 Nd5 21.Rh3 Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Bd7 23.Rd1 Ra7 24.Be2 Ke7 25.Rd4 e5 26.Re3 Kf6∓* Plat,V (2522)-Bluebaum,M (2632) Minsk 2017*; 12.Re1 Ne7! 13.h3 0-0 14.Nf3 Ng6 15.Bd3 Nf4 16.Bxf4 Bxf4 17.Rad1 g6 18.Ne5 Bh6 19.h4 Bg7 20.Qe4 b6 21.Qf4 Ra7=* Huschenbeth,N (2541)-Shankland,S (2638) Las Vegas 2015 Black has comfortable equality here*)* 12...Ne7 13.Be3 0-0 14.Rad1 b5 15.Bb3 Ng6 16.c4 bxc4

17.Qxc4 Bh2+ 18.Kh1 Qxc4 19.Bxc4 Bf4 20.Bxf4 ½, Adams,M (2706)-Howell,D (2687) Hull 2018 Nxf4=]

9...Nf6

[Maybe even here 9...Bd6!? 10.Nbxd4 Nge7⇄ deserves more attention.]

10.Qe2 Bd6 11.Rd1

[11.Bg5

A) Interesting is also 11...Qc7 12.Rad1 Bd7 13.Nbxd4 0-0 *(*or even *13...0-0-0!?)*;

B) 11...0-0 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nbxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxh2+ *(* Accepting the sacrifice is quite risky, Black has more sedate alternatives *14...Kh8* or*; 14...Qc7!?∞* We had a similar position in the note to move 6, but there instead of a4 White has the more useful move ♖e1. *)* 15.Kxh2 Qxd4 16.Ra3 Kh8 17.Rg3 Qf4 *(17...Qh4+ 18.Rh3 Qf4+ 19.g3 Qe5 20.Qd2 Qg5 21.f4 Qg7 22.a5 e5 23.f5 Qg5 24.Qxg5 fxg5 25.g4 Bd7 26.Kg3⩲* Adams,M (2724)-Fridman,D (2660) Caleta 2012 White retains pressure even in the endgame, see the notes by Fridman in CBM 147*.; 17...b5* Faerber,D (2321)-Schnider,G (2423) Innsbruck 2018 *18.Bd3! f5 19.Qh5↑)* 18.Rd1 Rg8 *(18...e5 19.Bxf7 Bf5 20.Bb3±* and Black's ♔ is more vulnerable *)* 19.Qf3 Qxf3 20.Rxf3 *(20.gxf3!?)* 20...b5!? *(*Black doesn't want to allow *20...f5 21.a5)* 21.axb5 axb5 22.Bf1! Ra2?! *(⌓22...f5!±)* 23.Rb3 Bb7 24.c4! Bxg2 25.Bxg2 bxc4 26.Rb7 c3 27.Rxf7 cxb2 28.Be4 f5 29.Rdd7 Rb8 30.Rxh7+ Kg8 31.Rdg7+ Kf8 32.Bb1± Milde,L (2075)-Vujadinovic,M (1996) email 2013]

11...e5 Opens the diagonal for the ♗c8. Postponing this move is dangerous,

[11...0-0 12.Nbxd4 Nxd4?! *(12...e5* transposes into the game*)* 13.Rxd4 Qc7 14.Bg5 e5 15.Rh4!↑]

12.Nbxd4 0-0

[After 12...Nxd4 White tried both recaptures: Jones has already played the more ambitious

A) 13.Nxd4 Qe7 *(13...0-0 14.Nf5)* 14.Nb3 e4 *(14...h6 15.Qd3 Bb8 16.Be3↑* and*; 14...Bg4 15.f3 Bf5 16.Bg5±* are both not ideal. *)* 15.Bg5 Qe5 16.g3!? *(16.f4 exf3 17.Qxe5+ Bxe5 18.Re1 f2+ 19.Kxf2 0-0=)* 16...Qxg5 17.Rxd6 0-0 18.Qe3 Qe5!? leads to a position, in which Black is close to equality.;

B) 13.Rxd4 Qe7 14.Rxd6! *(*Practically forced: *14.Rd1?! e4∓* is excellent for Black. *)* 14...Qxd6

B1) 15.Nxe5 0-0 16.b3 *(16.Bf4 Qd4)* 16...Qc7∞ /∓ gives Black chances to consolidate.;

B2) ⌓15.b3! e4 16.Ba3 Qf4 The most dangerous is

B2a) 17.Bb5+? axb5 18.Qxb5+ Nd7 19.Qb4 Kd8 20.Qe7+ Kc7 21.Rd1 Ra6-+ Idani,P (2563)-Kobalia,M (2628) Moscow 2017;

B2b) 17.Re1

B2b1) 17...Bg4? 18.Bb5+! *(18.h3? Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Qxf3 20.gxf3 0-0-0 21.fxe4 Rd7∞* /∓, Jones,G (2645)-Shimanov,A (2655) Tromsoe 2013*)* 18...axb5 19.Qxb5+ Kd8 *(19...Nd7 20.Qxb7+-; 19...Bd7 20.Qc5+-)* 20.Ne5→;

B2b2) ⌓17...Be6! 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Qc4 Kf7 20.Bc1 Qd6 21.Ng5+ Kg6 22.h4 h5∞ /∓, Melia,S (2393)-Kashlinskaya,A (2450) Wroclaw 2016;

B2c) 17.Qe1!? Be6 18.Qa5 Rd8 *(18...Rc8? 19.Ne5 Ng4 20.Nxg4 Qxg4 21.Qb4 Rc7 22.Qd6 Rd7 23.Qb8+ Rd8 24.Qxb7+- →, Lagunow,R (2403)-Jarmula,L (2504) Manavgat 2018)* Here White has at the very least an immediate draw with 19.Qc5 *(I wouldn't be surprised, if 19.Re1!?⩱* promises even more *)* 19...Nd5 20.Bxd5 Qf6 21.Bc6+ bxc6 22.Qxc6+ Rd7 23.Qa8+=]

13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Bg5 Bc7 15.Bxf6

[The immediate swap was in my opinion unnecessary and 15.h3!? causes Black more problems:

A) 15...e4 16.Nd2! *(16.Nd4 Qd6 17.g3 Bb6 18.Bf4 Qe7 19.Kh2 Rd8 20.c3 Bc7 21.Qe3 Bg4 22.Re1 Rac8 23.Bxc7 Qxc7 24.Bf1 Bh5 25.Bg2 Re8= /∓, Daianu,C (2166)-Gavrilescu,D (2468) Arad 2018)* 16...Bf5 17.Nf1 Bg6 18.Ne3 Bh5?! *(18...Rad8 19.b3±* is pleasant for White, but this loses a tempo.*)* 19.g4 Bg6 20.Bb3 Rac8 21.Rd2 Bb8 22.Rad1 *(22.Qc4!?)* 22...Kh8? *(Necessary was ⌓22...Qc7)* 23.Bh4 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Bg3 h6 26.Kg2 Bxg3 27.fxg3± Rodshtein,M (2664)-Edouard,R (2657) Germany 2013;

B) 15...h6

B1) 16.Bh4 Nh5! *(16...e4 17.Nd4±)* 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Bd5 Nf4 19.Qxe5 Nxd5 20.Qxd5 Qxc2= neutralizes White's pull.;

B2) 16.Bxf6! Qxf6 17.Bd5 resembles the game position, but White's luft is more useful, than Black's: Rb8 18.Ra3 Bf5 19.Rc3± and Black must still tread with care. *(19.Nd2?! e4! 20.Nxe4 Qxb2 21.Re3 Rbd8 22.c4 Qxe2 23.Rxe2 b6∓* Tate,A (2366)-Lupulescu,C (2620) Heraklio 2017 *)*]

15...Qxf6 16.Bd5 Rb8

[Interesting is also 16...Bf5!? 17.Bxb7 *(17.Be4!?)* 17...Rab8 18.Bxa6 *(18.Qxa6!?* is more testing*)* 18...Rxb2 19.Bd3 e4! 20.Bxe4 Re8 21.Qc4 Bxe4 22.Qxc7 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Qxf3 24.Rd8 Qg4+ 25.Kf1 Qe2+= ½, Nisipeanu,L (2683)-Svane,R (2583) Dresden 2017]

17.h3N

[17.Qc4 Qe7 18.Re1 Kh8! *(18...Bf5? 19.Nh4 Bg6 20.Nxg6 hxg6 21.Qe4 Rfd8 22.Ra3 Qc5 23.Rd1 Rd7 24.b4 Qe7 25.Rg3 Rd6 26.c4±* Borisek,J (2552)-Bluebaum,M (2521) Meissen 2013*)* 19.Rad1 b5 *(*More active is *19...f5!= Δ 20.Nxe5? Bxe5 21.f4 b5-+)* 20.axb5 axb5 21.Qd4 f6 22.Qh4 Bb7 *(* If Black wanted to swap bishops, more accurate is *22...Be6;* However, he could have also ignored the ♗d5, interesting is *22...Rb6!?∞)* 23.Bxb7 Rxb7 24.Qe4 Bb6 25.Rd5= /±, Vykouk,J (2426)-Haba,P (2454) Ostrava 2018 Black is not without counterplay, but he must tread with some care.]

17...Qe7 18.Re1 Re8 19.Qc4 b5 20.axb5 Rxb5!?⇄ The dynamic choice,

activating the ♖ - Black hopes for active piece play.

[20...axb5 21.Qc3 *(or 21.Qe4!? is slightly more comfortable for White.)*]

21.Rad1

[21.Bc6 Rc5 or]

[21.b3 Rd8 is OK for Black.]

[21.Qd3 Rxb2!? *(Playable alternatives are 21...g6∞ and; 21...Rd8 22.c4 Rxb2 23.Qc3 Qb4 24.Qxb4 Rxb4 25.Nxe5 Bxe5 26.Rxe5 Kf8* - Black should hold this slightly worse endgame.*)* 22.Bb3 e4 23.Qc3 Rxb3 24.cxb3 *(24.Qxb3 Be6 25.Rxe4 Bxb3=)* 24...Bb7⩱ 25.Rad1]

21...Rc5? An error with serious tactical consequences.

[⌓21...Rxb2 works fine: 22.Nxe5 *(22.Bc6 Be6 23.Qc3 Reb8 24.Bd7 Bxd7 25.Qxc7 R2b7=)* 22...Bxe5 23.f4 Rb4 24.Rxe5 Rxc4 25.Rxe7 Rxe7 26.Bxc4 Kf8=]

22.Qd3 g6

[Black can't take the move back, 22...Rb5 runs into 23.Nxe5! Bxe5 24.Bc6+-]

23.c4! a5 24.Qa3 The ♖c5 is paralyzed and ♙e5 is under strong pressure.

24...Bd6?! The attempt to free the ♖ allows a pretty tactical blow.

[More resilient was 24...Kg7, but after 25.Nxe5 *(25.Nd2!?)* 25...Bxe5 26.Rxe5 Qxe5 27.Qxc5 Qxb2 28.Qxa5± White has a healthy extra pawn and active pieces.]

25.Bxf7+! Qxf7

[25...Kxf7 26.Rxd6 Qxd6 27.Ng5+ Kg8 28.Ne4 Qd4 29.Qxc5+- is hopeless - Black is a pawn down and more weaknesses will fall shortly.]

26.Rxd6 Qxc4

[26...Rxc4 27.Qxa5+-]

27.Nd2 Qb4 28.Qxb4 axb4 29.Ne4 A ♘ fork will cost Black an exchange and further resistance is futile.

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C03

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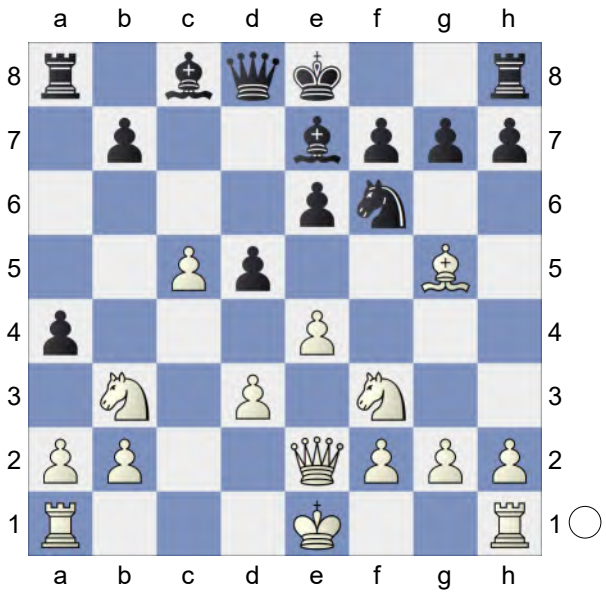
C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Bd3 c5 5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Qe2 Nc6 7.Ngf3 Nb4 8.Nb3 Nxd3+ 9.cxd3 a5 10.Bg5 a4**



Threatens to win with ...d5xe4. White has an edge. **11.Nbd2 h6 12.Be3**

[12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.e5 *(13.exd5 a3 14.d4 0-0 15.d6 axb2 16.Rb1 b6 17.Ne4 bxc5 18.Nxf6+ Qxf6 19.Qe5 cxd4 20.Rxb2 Qxe5+ 21.Nxe5 f6 22.Nc6 Ra6 23.Nxd4 Rxd6 24.Nb3 Ba6 25.f3 Bc4 26.Kf2 Ra8 27.Rc1 Bd5* 1-0 Adams,H (1738)-Pousada Garcia,D (2077) Cambridge op 2023

(7)) 13...Be7 14.Rc1 Qa5 15.Qe3 b6 16.cxb6 Bd8 17.Qc5 Qxc5 18.Rxc5 Bxb6 19.Rc2 0-0 20.Nf1 Ba6 21.Ke2 Bb5 22.Ne3 f5 23.Rhc1 Rab8 24.a3 g5 25.h3 Kg7 26.Rb1 Kg6 0-1 Godena,M (2485)-Morozevich, A (2756) Olympiad-34 Istanbul 2000 (2.1)]

12...Qa5 13.0-0 Bxc5 14.exd5 -0.04/22

[14.Rfc1± 0.33/24 Bxe3 15.Qxe3]

14...Bxe3N

[14...Nxd5 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.Rac1 0-0 17.Nb6 Nxb6 18.Bxc5 Rd8 19.Qe4 Nd5 20.Be3 Qe7 21.Bc5 Qe8 22.Rfe1 b6 23.Bd4 f6 24.Bc3 Bd7 25.Bd2 Qf7 26.Rc4 Re8 27.Nd4 e5 28.Nf5 Red8 29.h3 ½-½ 4.c3 d5 5. ♘e5 (2184)-Chapter (2354) 102/157 Plovdiv 2008 (1)]

15.Nc4 Qa6 16.Qxe3

[16.fxe3 exd5 17.Nce5 0-0∓]

16...0-0 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Nce5 Rfd8 19.a3 Nd5 20.Qe4 f6 21.Nc4 Bf7 22.Rfe1 b5 23.Ne3 Nxe3 24.Rxe3 Rac8 25.Nd4 Re8 26.Qg4 h5! 27.Qg3 Hoping for Nd4-f5. **27...Rxe3 28.fxe3 Rc5** Prevents Nd4-f5. **29.Rf1 Qc8** Dodges Nd4-f5 **30.h4→** 0.35/24 White mounts an attack. White is more active.

[30.Rxf6? h4 31.Qxh4 gxf6 32.Qxf6 Qg4-+]

[30.h3± 0.73/23]

30...Kh7± 31.e4 Rc1 32.Qf4

[32.Nxb5? Qc5+ 33.Qf2 Rxf1+ 34.Kxf1 Qxb5-+]

32...Rxf1+ 33.Kxf1± Endgame. KQB-KQN **33...Bg6** 1.56/23 Dodges Qf4-f5

[33...Kg8!± 0.70/25]

34.Qd2

[34.Nxb5 Qc2 35.Nd6 *(35.Nc3? Qxb2 36.Qc7 Qxa3-+)* 35...Qb1+ *(35...Qxd3+? 36.Kg1-+; 35...Qxb2 36.Nc4=)* 36.Ke2 Qxb2+ 37.Qd2 Qxa3∓]

34...Qg4 1.70/25

[34...Bf7± 1.31/24 35.Kf2 *(35.Nxb5 Qd8±)* 35...Qc5]

35.Nf3+-

[Don't play 35.Nxb5?! Qxh4 36.Nc3 Be8±]

35...Qe6 36.Qb4 Qc6 37.Qc3 Qe6 38.Kf2 Be8 39.Qc5 1.48/22

[Better is 39.e5+- 1.88/24]

39...Qa2 40.Qc3 Bd7 2.16/21

[40...Qe6± 1.53/22 is a better defense. 41.Qc2 Bg6]

41.e5 Kg6 42.Qd4? 0.79/24

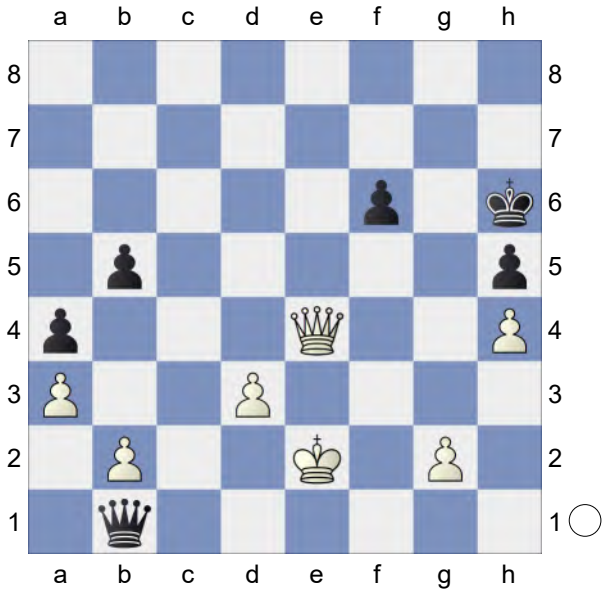
[42.exf6+- 2.31/23 and White stays clearly on top. gxf6 43.Nd4]

42...Bf5± 43.exf6 gxf6 44.Ng1 aiming for Ng1-e2. **44...Bg4 45.Ne2 Bxe2 46.Kxe2±** Strongly threatening Ke2-d2. KQ-KQ **46...Qb1! 47.Qe4+** 0.11/34

[47.Kd2!± 0.50/31 is superior.]

47...Kh6 48.Qe3+ Kg6 49.Qe4+ Kh6 0.75/27

[49...Kg7!= 0.17/24 keeps the balance.]



50.Qd4 0.02/26
[50.Qb4!± 0.75/27]
50...Qc2+= 51.Kf3 Qd1+ 52.Kg3 Kg6 53.Qe4+ Kf7 54.Kh2 Qe4-f3 is the strong threat. **54...Qc1 55.Qe2 Kf8 56.Qf2 Qc7+ 57.g3 Qc6 58.d4** And now d4-d5! would win. **58...Kf7 59.Qf5 Kg7 60.d5 Qc1 61.Qd7+ Kf8?** 3.87/30
[61...Kh6= 0.19/24 and Black stays safe.]
62.Qxb5? 0.20/29
[62.Qd6++- 3.87/30 Kg8 63.Qe6+ *(63.Qxf6 Qd2+ 64.Kh3 Qd1+-)* 63...Kg7 64.Qe7+ Kg6 65.Qe2]
62...Qd2+ 0.93/26
[62...Qe3= 0.20/29 remains equal.]
63.Kh3± Black must now prevent Qb5-b4+. **63...Qe1** 8.79/24
[63...Qd1± 0.87/24 64.Kg2 Qc2+ 65.Kf3 Qf5+ 66.Ke2 Qe5+ 67.Kd1 Qxg3]
64.Qb4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise) . An unexpected result.
[64.Qxa4? Qh1#]
½-½

C07
□ **Szabo,Zoltan** **2705**
■ **Linke,Helmut** **2737**
GER-chT corr (6.20) 29.12.2017
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Ngf3 Nf6**
[6...Nc6 7.Bc4 Qd8 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Nb3 *(10.Ne4 Nxe4 11.Qxe4)* 10...Be7 11.c3 *(11.Re1 0-0 12.g3)* 11...0-0 12.Bg5 a6 *(12...b6 13.Rad1 Bb7)* 13.a4 e5 14.h3 e4 15.Nfd2]
7.Bc4 Qc6 8.Qe2 Black must now prevent Bc4-b5.
[8.0-0]
8...0-0
[8...a6
A) 9.Nb3 Bd6 10.Bg5 b5 11.Bd3 -0.06/20 *(11.Bxf6± 0.31/25 gxf6 12.Bd3)* 11...Nbd7;
B) 9.0-0 0-0]
9.Nb3 Prevents e6-e5 **9...Nbd7** 0.51/20
[9...b6 0.50/23 9...Bc5-e7 0.12]
[9...Bd6= 0.11/23]
[9...Be7 10.Bf4 a6 11.0-0 b5 12.Bd3 Qb6 13.a4 Nd5 14.Bg3 b4 15.a5 Qd8 16.Ne5 Bb7 17.Rfd1 Nd7 18.Nc4 Qc8 19.Bd6 Bxd6 20.Nxd6 Qc7 21.Nxb7 Qxb7 22.g3 Rfc8 23.Bc4 N5f6 24.Rd4 1-0 Adams,M (2745)-Gupta,A (2626) 130/93 Douglas 2016]
10.Bf4N 0.03/21
[10.Nxc5± 0.51/20 Qxc5 *(10...Nxc5 11.0-0 a6 12.a4 Nxa4 13.Ne5 Qe8 14.b3 Nc5 15.Ba3 b6 16.b4 Na4 17.b5 axb5 18.Bxb5 Nc3 19.Qf3 Qxb5 20.Qxa8 Re8 21.Qb8 Nd7 22.Nxd7 Bxd7 23.Qd6 Bc6 24.f3 Qc4 25.Rfe1* 1-0 Khamrakulov,D (2490)-Jacobson,A (2351) New York Fall GM-B 2022 (9)*)* 11.0-0 *(11.Be3 Qc7 12.c3 b6 13.Ba6 Bxa6 14.Qxa6 Nd5 15.Qd3 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Qd4 Qxd4 18.Bxd4 e5 19.Be3 Nxe3 20.fxe3 Rfd8 21.Ke2 Kf8 22.Rhd1 Ke7 23.c4 f5 24.Rac1 Rac8 25.Rxd8 Rxd8* ½-½ Rorrer,G (2332)-Wang,E (2308) New York Winter GM-C 2023 (7) *)*]
10...Bd6
[10...b6 0.51/23 10...e6-e5 0.02 11.Bb5 *(11.Nxc5 Nxc5 12.Ne5 Qe4*

13.Qxe4 Nfxe4) 11...Qb7 12.0-0 a6 13.Bd3 Qc6 *(13...b5* 0.89/20 13...Bc5-e7 0.27 *14.a4)* 14.Nfd4 Bxd4 *(14...Qb7 15.c3)* 15.Nxd4 Qc5 16.Nb3 Qc6]

11.Nbd4 Qb6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.0-0-0! Qf4+

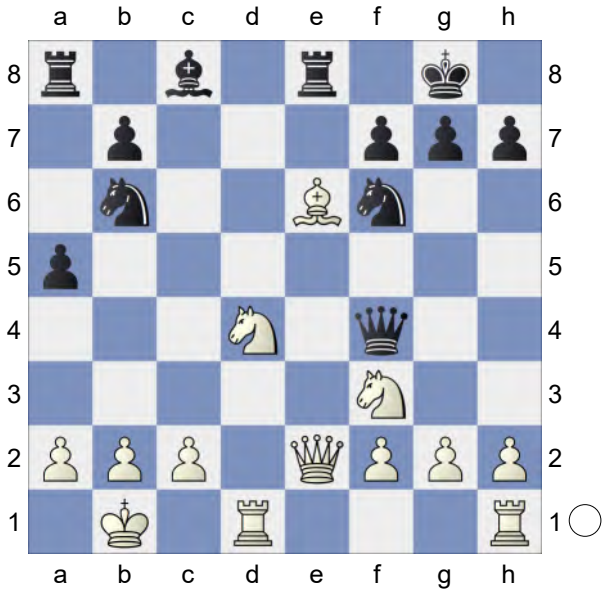
[13...Qb8 14.Kb1 a6! 15.Ng5 -0.19/23 *(⌓15.Rhe1* 0.19/21) 15...Nc5]

14.Kb1 Nb6 1.28/19

[14...e5± 0.53/22]

15.Bb3± a5 16.a4 0.31/19

[16.Bxe6 0.70/24 16.Rh1-e1 1.46 fxe6 1.08/19 *(16...Re8*



17.Qb5! Bxe6 18.Qxb6 Strongly threatening Nd4xe6! *Bc4 19.Rhe1; 16...Re8!±* 0.70/24 *17.Qb5 Bxe6 18.Qxb6 Bd5)* 17.Nxe6± Qb4 *(17...Bxe6?* 3.01/23 17...Qf4-b4 1.25 *18.Qxe6+ Kh8 19.Qxb6)* 18.Nxf8 Threatens to win with Rd1-d8. Bf5 aiming for ...Nb6-c4! 19.Nxh7 Kxh7 20.Ka1]

[16.g3 1.12/22 16.a2-a3 1.67 Qc7 17.a3! a4 18.Ba2! Bd7 19.Ne5]

[16.a3± 1.57/23]

16...Bd7± 17.Nb5 -0.05/25

[17.Rhe1± 0.32/24]

17...Rad8

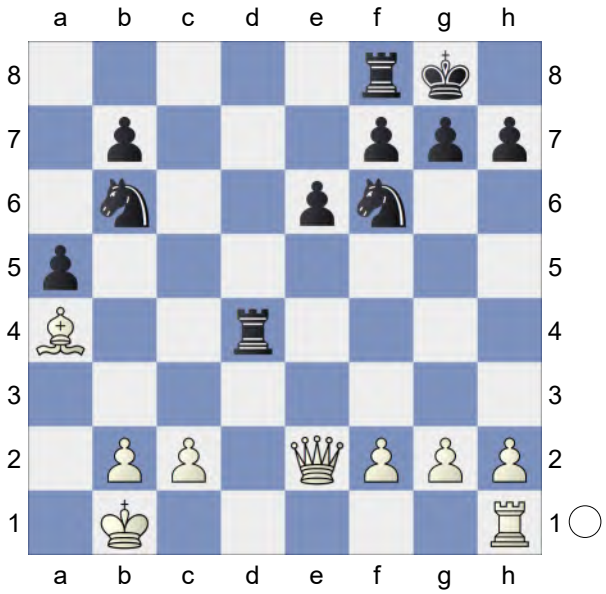
[17...Bxb5 18.Qxb5 Qb4!]

[17...Qb4 0.42/22 17...Qf4-e4 -0.09]

[17...Nxa4? 18.Rd4 Qf5 *(18...Bxb5? 19.Qxb5+-)* 19.Bxa4+-]

18.Rd4? -3.46/22

[18.Nd6 And now Rd1-d4 would win. Bxa4 1.20/24 *(18...Nfd5! 19.Nxb7* Hoping for Rd1-d4. *Rc8; 18...Nfd5!=* 0.02/25 keeps the balance. *19.Nxb7 Rc8 20.Nxa5 Qc7)* 19.Rd4± Qxd4 20.Nxd4 Rxd6 21.Bxa4 Rxd4



22.Bb5! Rfd8 23.c3 Rd2 24.Qf3]

[18.Nd6= 0.04/23 and White has nothing to worry. Nfd5 *(18...Nxa4? 19.Rd4+-)* 19.Nxb7]

18...Bxb5-+ Remove Defender **19.Qxb5 Rxd4 20.Qxb6 Rd7 21.Qxa5 Ne4 22.Ka2**

[22.Rf1 -2.76/21 22.Kb1-a2 -1.91 Rfd8 *(22...Nd2+ 23.Nxd2 Rxd2 24.Qb6 Qe4)* 23.Qb5 -2.38/23 *(23.Ka2* -1.70/20 might work better.*)* 23...h6]

22...Nxf2 23.Rf1 -2.26/24

[⌓23.Qb5 -1.66/22 Rc7 24.Re1]

23...Ng4 24.Qb5 Rfd8 25.Ng5 Qe5

-1.05/21
[25...Qxh2? loses. 26.Nxe6 Qb8 27.Qg5 *(27.Nxd8 Qxd8 28.Rxf7 Rxf7+-)* 27...fxe6 28.Bxe6+ *(28.Qxg4 Kh8∓)* 28...Kh8 29.Bxd7 *(29.Bxg4 Rd5∓)* 29...Rxd7 30.Qxg4+-]
[Black should try 25...Qe3-+ -1.64/26 ...h7-h6! is the strong threat. 26.Nf3 Nf6]
26.Qb6? -5.29/22 **Qxg5 27.Bxe6 Qe3**
[27...fxe6? 28.Qxe6+ Kh8 29.Qxd7-+]
28.Rxf7? -11.74/27
[28.Bxf7+ -3.91/20 Kh8 29.Qb5]
28...Qxb6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/Black=0.28 (precise)
0-1

C07
□ **Vachier Lagrave,M.** **2796**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2808**
GCT Blitz Paris 2017 (3.5) 24.06.2017
[John Watson,Kitty KKat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 Paul Motwani: 'G2.1 shows one of my best efforts as Black: a rare win over Michael Adams before he became a super-GM. G2.1: "A treasured best-game prize" M. Adams-P. Motwani, London 1989. Vienna Game with Bc4.'
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5
[White cannot play 6.e5 Nfd7 7.f4? due to *(7.N2f3 Nc6=)* 7...Nxe5! intending 8.fxe5 Qh4+ 9.g3 Qxd4]
6...Qxd5 7.Nb5 Qd8 This is an extremely unusual move which, however, is quite reasonable. In practice, about 1 in 20 games feature 7...Qd8, the rest involving 7...Na6. Inhibits Nb5-c7+.
[See this month's game Topalov-Caruana for 7...Na6 8.Nc3 Qd6 9.a3 Bd7 10.Qf3 Bc6 11.Qg3 Nc5 12.Nb5 Qxg3 13.hxg3 Nd5 14.Nf3 Be7 15.Ne5 0-0 16.Nd4 Be8 17.b4 Nd7 18.Bd3 h6 19.Nxd7 Bxd7 20.c4 Bf6 21.Bb2 Nb6 22.Rb1 Rfd8 ½-½ 7.Qa4 c6 8.Bf6 Bf6 (2448)-Moskvichev,V (2622) 50/127 Berlin 1990 (7)]
8.Bd3N -0.17/20
[The only other top-level game I see went 8.Nc4 Nd5! *(8...Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6* Dodges Nb5-c7+ *10.Ncd6+ Bxd6 11.Nxd6+ Ke7 12.Bxa6 Kxd6 13.Bd3 e5±)* 9.Ne3 aiming for Ne3xd5.
A) 9...a6! 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Nd4 Nc6 12.Be2 Bd6 13.0-0 -0.23/20 *(13.c3* 0.20/22 was preferrable.*)* 13...0-0= 0.29/21 *(* Black should try *13...Bxh2+* -0.23/20 *14.Kxh2 Qh4+ 15.Kg1 Nxd4)*;
B) 9...a6= 0.12/23 remains equal. 10.Nxd5 exd5;
C) 9...Nc7?! 0.97/23 10.Bd2!? *(10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.a4 Nc6 12.Bd2±)* 10...Nxb5 *(10...a6)* 11.Bxb5+ Bd7 12.Bxd7+ Qxd7 13.Qg4 Nc6 14.0-0-0 Hoping for Bd2-c3. Qd4 15.Qe2!? Bd2-c3 would now be deadly. *(15.Qh3±)* 15...Qa4 16.Kb1! And now Bd2-c3 would win. Be7 1.17/21 *(16...Bc5±* 0.57/22 *)* 17.Bc3± 0-0 18.Rd7 Nb4?? 3.14/23 *(18...Rab8±* 1.17/21 *)* 19.Qg4!+- g6 *(19...Qxa2+* 1.22/5 19...g7-g6 2.93 *20.Kc1)* 20.Qd4! Qxa2+ 21.Kc1 f6 White must now prevent ...Ra8-d8! 22.Bxb4 Bxb4 23.c3! *(23.Qxb4?* 0.00/33 23.c2-c3 2.68 *Rad8!∞)* 23...Qa1+

24.Kc2 Qxh1 25.Qxb4 Qb4-e7 would kill now. Rad8 5.66/31 *(25...Rae8 3.97/19* keeps fighting. *26.Qh4 Rf7)* 26.Rxd8!+- Rxd8 27.Qe7 Rf8 1-0 (27) Adams,M (2630)-Levitt,J (2460) Dublin 1993 *(27...Rf8 28.Ng4* wins *)*]

[8.Nb3 next Qd1xd8+ is good for White. Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Na6 looks about equal. Wards off Nb5-c7+]

[⌓8.Nb3 0.27/23]

8...a6= 9.Nc3 The position is equal. **9...Nc6** So Black has gained comfortable equality. Perhaps 7...Qd8 is a decent solution. **10.0-0 Ne5 11.Be2 b5!?** 0.40/23

[11...Bd7! is at least equal, with Black's structure preferable after 12.Nb3 Qc7 13.Be3 Bd6]

[11...Bd7= -0.20/28]

12.Nf3 0.00/22 The engine prefers

[12.Nb3! , e.g., Bb7 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Na5 Ba8 15.a4 b4 16.Nd1 0.31/20 , but White's edge is minimal after *(16.Na2!±* 0.74/24 *)* 16...Nc6]

[12.Nb3!± 0.40/23 deserves consideration.]

12...Qxd1 0.39/19

[12...Ned7 is equal, e.g., 13.Bf4 *(13.a4 b4 14.Na2 Bb7)* 13...Bb7 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Be7=]

[12...Ned7= 0.00/22]

13.Rxd1± Nc6 14.Bf4 Bb7 15.a3 Bc5 16.b4!? Loosening.

[16.Bd3 0-0 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Rfd8=]

16...Be7 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 0-0

[18...Rc8! favours Black, even after the sharp sequence. ...Nf6-d7 is the strong threat. 19.a4 Nd7 20.Bd4!? e5 21.axb5 -0.61/24 *(21.Be3!=* -0.11/26 *Rxc3 22.axb5 axb5 23.Bxb5)* 21...exd4∓ 22.bxa6 Ba8! 23.Na4 Bxb4 24.Rxd4 Bc5!]

19.a4! bxa4?! 0.37/23

[19...Bxb4 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nxb5 Bc5=]

[19...Bxb4= 0.00/27 should be considered. 20.axb5 axb5]

20.Nxa4 Nd5 2.25/21 It's a Blitz game, after all! Wards off Na4-b6

[20...Rfd8± 0.48/21]

21.c4!+- Whoops. **21...Nxb4 22.Rd7 Be4 23.Rxe7 Nc6 24.Bd6 Nxe7 25.Bxe7** A strong pair of Bishops. **25...Rfb8 26.c5** White is winning, but the time scramble turns things around: **26...Rb3 27.f3 Bc6 28.Nb6 Ra7 29.Bd6**

[29.Rxa6 Rxe7 30.Nc8 Rc7 31.Rxc6 Rbb7 *(31...Rb1+? 32.Kf2+-)* 32.Rxc7 Rxc7∓]

29...a5 30.Bd1

[30.Nc8 is +4.5!]

30...Rb4 31.Ba4? 1.62/22

[31.Nc8]

[⌓31.Nc8 3.52/22 Rab7 32.Ne7+ *(32.Rxa5 Rb1=)* 32...Rxe7 33.Bxe7]

31...Bxa4 32.Rxa4

[32.Nxa4±]

32...f6 33.Kf2 Still with advantage, but probably not enough to win. **33...Kf7 34.Ke3 e5 35.Rxb4!? axb4**

(Diagram)

36.c6 0.00/28

[36.Kd3!]

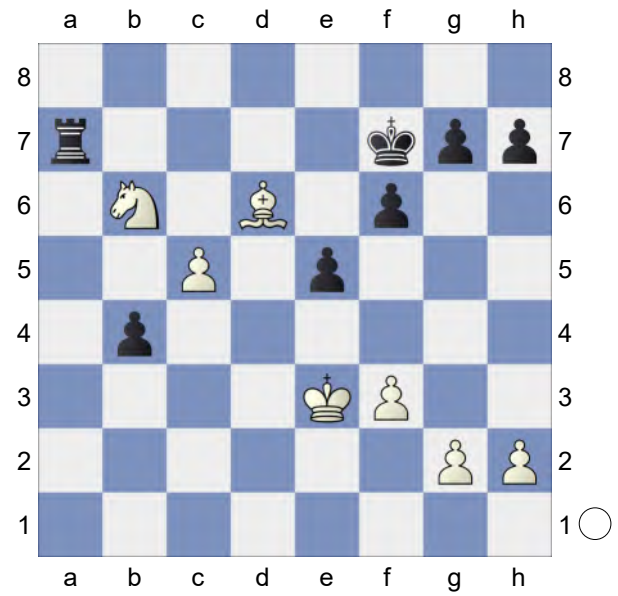
[36.Kd3!± 1.19/32 Ke6 37.Kc4]

36...b3= 37.Kd3 Ra1! (→ ...b3-b2) **38.Nc4 Ra6 39.c7** -0.52/27

[39.Kc3= 0.00/28 Rxc6 40.Ba3]

39...Rc6?! 0.40/29

[39...b2!∓]



[Better is 39...b2!∓ -0.52/27 40.Ke2 *(40.c8R? b1Q+ 41.Kc3 Ra2-+)* 40...b1Q]

40.f4? -6.04/23

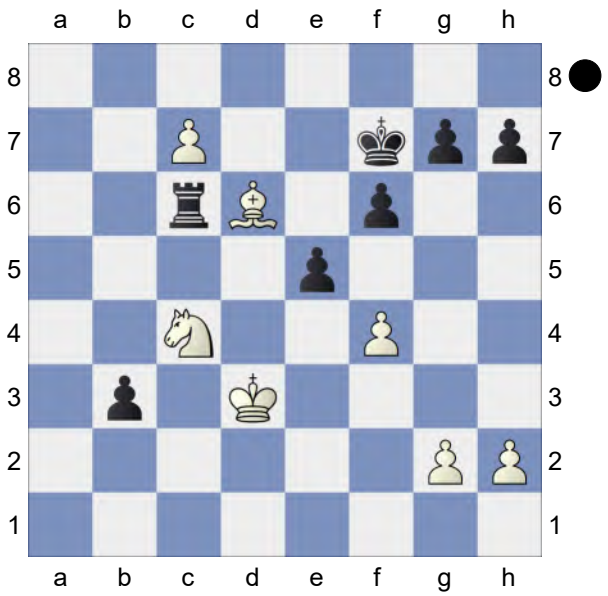
[40.Na5!? e4+□ 41.fxe4=]

[Resist 40.Bxe5 b2 *(40...fxe5? loses. 41.Nxe5+ Ke8 42.Nxc6+-)* 41.Bxb2 *(41.Nxb2? fxe5 42.Ke4 Ke6-+)* 41...Rxc7±]

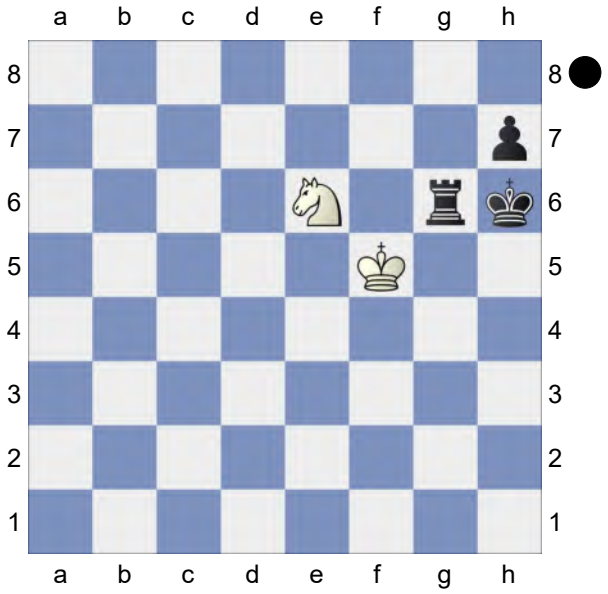
[40.Na5± 0.40/29 e4+ *(40...Rxd6+? 41.Kc3+-)* 41.Kd2 *(41.Kxe4? too greedy. b2-+; 41.Ke3? Rxc7 42.Nxb3 Rc3+ 43.Kxe4 Rxb3-+)* 41...e3+ *(41...Rxd6+? 42.Kc1+-)* 42.Ke2 *(42.Kxe3 Rxc7 43.Ba3 Rc2∓)* 42...Rxc7 43.Nxb3 *(43.Bxc7? b2-+)* 43...Rc2+ 44.Kd3]

(Diagram)

40...b2!-+ Deflection. Black is clearly winning. **41.Nxb2 Rxd6+** Endgame. KR-KN **42.Ke4 Rc6 43.fxe5 Rxc7** Strongly threatening ...Rc7-c2. **44.Nd3 Rc2 45.exf6 Rxg2 46.fxg7 Rxh2 47.Nf4 Kxg7 48.Kf5 Ra2 49.Ne6+ Kh6 50.Nf4 Ra5+ 51.Kf6 Rg5 52.Ne6**



Rg6+ 53.Kf5



Rxe6! -12.96/28 Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.24 (precise)

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C07
□ **Karjakin,Sergey** **2781**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2808**
Paris GCT Rapid (4) 22.06.2017
[Yermolinsky,Alex, Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4** John Watson John Watson John Watson John Watson: 'Yermolinsky,A' **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd7**

[It's interesting that the main line 6...Qd6 John Watson 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Bg5 doesn't have to transpose after 11...Qc7, because Black can play the more forcing Qc5!? 12.Bxf6

A) 12...Qxc4!? may be satisfactory, but is potentially very messy, e.g., 13.Be5 *(13.Nc6?? Qd5)* 13...f6 14.Re1! fxe5 15.Qh5+ Kd8 16.Qxe5 Bd7 17.Rad1 Kc8 18.Re3 Qd5 19.Qg3 with an unclear attack!;

B) 12...gxf6 , for example, 13.Bd3 Bd6!? 14.c3 Bd7 with typically double-edged play.]

7.0-0 Nf6

[It's popular to delay this move with 7...Nc6 (John Watson) (since 8 Ne4 doesn't come with tempo) 8.Nb3 a6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qc7 , sometimes following up with ...Bd6 and ...Ne7.]

8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Bg5 Qc7 John Watson: 'This position could also come from 6...Qd6. Two other moves:'

[11...Bc5 (John Watson) has been common at this point, as played by Socko versus Karjakin:

A) 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.c3

A1) 13...Bxd4 14.cxd4 b5 15.Be2!? *(15.Bb3 Bb7 16.Qh5!± -see below)* 15...Bb7 16.Bf3 Rd8= Lintchevski,D (2527)-Kovalenko,I (2664) Liepaja 2016;

A2) 13...0-0? 14.Qg4+?! *(14.Qh5! Bxd4 15.Rad1±)* 14...Kh8 15.Rad1 Qe7 *(15...Qc7=)* 16.Rfe1 f5 17.Qf4± Rublevsky,S (2698)-Goganov,A (2604) St Petersburg 2014;

B) 12.c3 Qc7 *(12...Bxd4 13.cxd4 b5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Bb3 Bb7 16.Qh5!* John Watson: '±!' '±!' '±!' John Watson: '-see below' *Rg8 17.g3 0-0-0 18.Rfd1±)* 13.Bd3 *(13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Qg4)* 13...Be7 *(13...Bd7)* 14.Qf3 0-0 15.Rfe1 h6 16.Bh4 Bd7 17.Nf5!? *(17.Rad1±)* 17...Bc6?? *(17...exf5 18.Rxe7 g5 19.Bxf5 Qc5!)* 18.Qg3 Qxg3 19.Nxe7+ Kh8 20.Bxg3+- Karjakin,S (2762)-Socko,B (2599) Berlin 2015]

[11...b5 John Watson 12.Bb3 Bb7 *(12...Be7 13.Re1 Bb7 14.Qd3 Rd8= 15.Rad1 Nd5?! 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Nf5 Qg5 18.h4 Qf6 19.c4!±* Jasny,S (2395)-Petr,M (2515) Stare Mesto 2015*)* 13.c3 *(13.Re1 Ne4 14.Bh4 g5 15.Bg3 Nxg3 16.hxg3 0-0-0 17.c3 h5 18.a4 h4 19.axb5 axb5 20.Qg4 hxg3 21.fxg3 Bc5 22.Rad1 Qc6 23.Rd2 Rh6 24.Bd1 f5 25.Qxg5 Rxd4 26.cxd4 Bxd4+ 27.Re3 Qe4* 1-0 Svidler,P (2710)-Timman,J (2655) Olympiad-33 Elista 1998 (13.1)*)* 13...Ne4 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Qe2 0-0 17.Rad1 Qf4= Esserman,M (2468) -Cordes,H (2242) Caleta 2017]

12.Bd3 Bd6 13.h3 Be5N

[13...Bh2+ 14.Kh1 Be5 15.c3 h6 16.Bh4 Bd7 17.Qe2 0-0 18.Nf3 Bf4 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.Rfe1 f5 22.Nd4 Bg5 23.Qh5 Kg7 24.Kg1 Rh8 25.Bc2 Bf6 26.Bb3 Bxd4 27.cxd4 Qf4 28.d5 0-1 Mendez Fortes,E (2578)-4.Nf3 g6 5.Nbd2 (2659) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (10)]

14.c3 h6 15.Bh4 Bd7

[15...g5!? 16.Bg3□ Bf4±]

16.Re1 0-0-0 17.Qf3

[These are all pretty natural and normal moves, but here a remarkable alternative, probably very difficult to play in a Rapid game, is 17.Rxe5! John Watson Qxe5 18.Bg3 Qd5 *(18...Qc5? 0.57/19 18...Qe5-d5 0.00 19.b4 Qd5 20.Qe2± Inhibits Nf6-e4.)* 19.Qe2 with attack, e.g., Bc6 20.Qf1 Ne4 21.Bxe4 Qxe4 22.Re1 Qd5 23.a4 and probably White already has the better of things, e.g., Rhe8? 1.38/21 *(*Better is *23...f6!± 0.36/21 24.Rxe6 Bxa4)* 24.Re5!±

A) 24...Qa2? 3.95/22 24...Qd5xg2+ 1.29 25.Nxc6 bxc6? #6/16 *(25...Rd7+- 3.74/19 26.Nd4 Qxb2 27.Qc4+ Kd8)* 26.Qxa6+;

B) 24...Qxg2+± 1.42/22 25.Qxg2 Bxg2;

C) 24...Qd7? 5.79/23 25.Rc5+-]

17...Bxd4 0.89/23 John Watson: '?!' '?!' '?!' John Watson: 'This is logical but has a tactical drawback.'

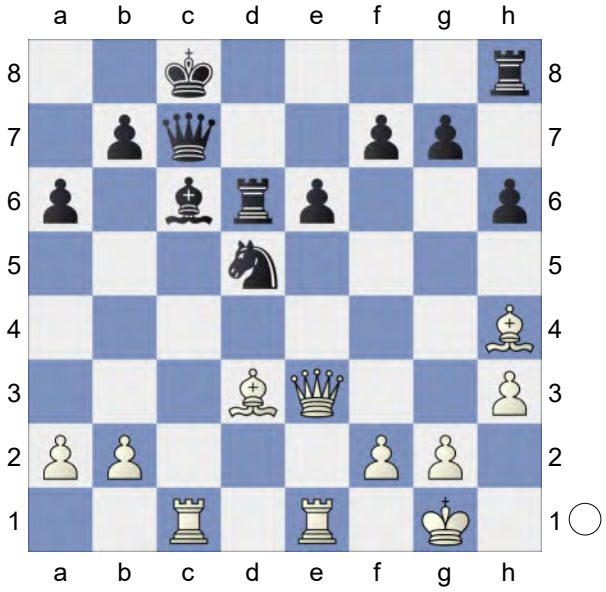
[Among other ideas is 17...Bf4 John Watson 18.Rad1 -0.28/24 *(⌓18.Bxf6 0.11/23 gxf6 19.Red1)* 18...g5= 19.Bg3 Kb8=]

[17...Bh2+= 0.07/24 keeps the balance. 18.Kh1 Bf4]

18.cxd4± aiming for d4-d5! **18...Bc6**

19.Qe2 -0.45/20 John Watson: '?' '?' '?'

[Missing 19.d5! John Watson Rxd5 *(19...Bxd5 1.50/19* 19...Rd8xd5 1.04 *20.Qe3+-* intends Rac1 and Bg3*; 19...exd5 20.Bg3* and Bf5 *)* 20.Rac1! Rd6 21.Qe3! Bh4-g3 would now be deadly. Nd5



22.Qa7! And now Bh4-g3 would win. Qb8 1.44/20 *(⌓22...f5* 0.85/20 *)* 23.Qd4±]

[White should try 19.d5!± 0.77/24 Rxd5 20.Rac1]

19...Rxd4∓ 20.Bg3 Qa5→ Black mounts an attack. **21.Rac1?!** -1.44/22 John Watson: 'Yermolinsky,A: '?!"

[21.Qe3 John Watson: 'Yermolinsky, A' Qd5 -0.06/20 *(21...Rhd8∓* -0.61/24 *22.Be2 Ne4)* 22.Bf1≅]

[21.Qe3∓ -0.46/22 Rhd8 22.Be2]

21...Qd5!∓ John Watson: '∓' '∓' '∓'

[21...Qxa2? 22.Qe5 Kd8 23.Rxc6 *(23.Qxd4+ Qd5+-)* 23...bxc6 24.Qxd4+ Qd5 25.Qa7+-]

22.Rxc6+ John Watson: '!' '!' '!' **22...bxc6**

[22...Qxc6 23.Qe3 Qd5 24.Be2=]

23.Bxa6+ Kd7 24.Rc1 -1.89/22

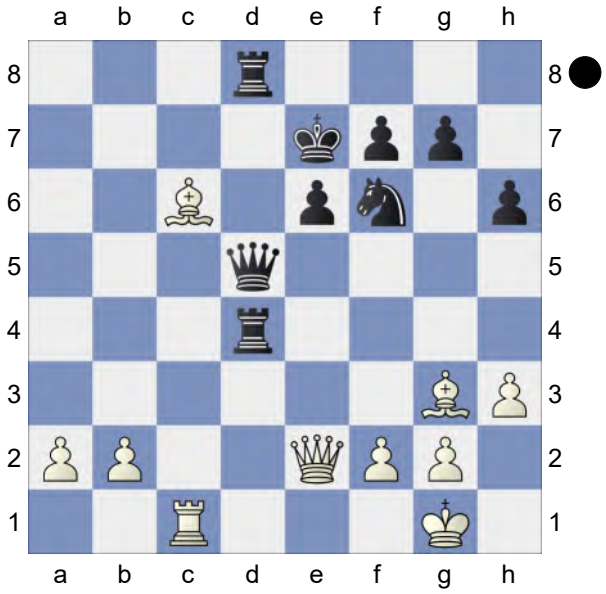
[24.Qc2∓ -1.46/19]

24...Ke7 -1.40/22

[24...Qxa2 25.Qe5 Qxb2 26.Qc7+ Ke8 27.Qxc6+ Nd7 28.Be5± *(28.Bd6? Rxd6 Deflection 29.Qxd6 Qxc1+-+)*]
[24...Rd8-+ -1.89/22 ...Kd7-e7! is the strong threat. 25.Bb7 Ke7 *(25...Qxa2 26.Bxc6+ Ke7 27.Bc7=)* 26.Bxc6 Rd1+ *(26...Qxa2 27.Bc7=)* 27.Kh2 Qd2 *(27...Qxa2? 28.Rxd1 Nd5 29.Qc2+-)*]

25.Bb7 -2.38/26
[25.Qe3∓ -1.40/22 Ne4 26.Bf4]

25...Ne4-+
[25...Rd8! John Watson. Hoping for ... Rd4-d1+. 26.Bxc6



Rd1+! 27.Kh2 Qd2]
[25...Qxa2 26.Be5 Rhd8 27.Bxd4 Rxd4 28.Bxc6=]

26.Bxc6 -3.33/22 John Watson: '?!' '?!' '?!'
[26.Bh4+ -2.04/20 was necessary. g5 27.Bxc6 Qxa2 28.Bxe4 gxh4 29.Qh5]

26...Nxg3
[26...Qg5! John Watson 27.Qe1 Nxg3 28.fxg3 Qd2]

27.fxg3 Qxa2
[27...Rd2 28.Qa6 Qd4+ *(28...Rxg2+ 29.Kh1=)* 29.Kh2∓]

28.Qe5 Rhd8
[28...Qxb2 29.Qc7+ Kf8 30.Be4+-]

29.Kh2 Kf8 John Watson: 'Black is still winning but it's more difficult with little time, and eventually White slithers out.'
[Much less strong is 29...Qxb2 30.Rf1 R8d6 31.Qxg7 Rxc6 32.Rxf7+ Kd6 33.Qf8+ Kd5 34.Ra7∓]

30.Bf3 Qxb2 31.Rc7 Karjakin had been reduced to playing for tricks ever since he lost his d4-pawn.. John Watson: 'Yermolinsky,A: 'Karjakin had been reduced to playing for tricks ever since he lost his d4-pawn..'' **31...Qb8?** -0.19/20
[31...Qb4 John Watson: '-+' '-+' '-+' would put the end to it. John Watson: 'Yermolinsky,A: 'would put the end to it."]
[31...Rd2-+ -3.31/20 32.Qe4 Kg8]

32.Qc5+= Kg8 33.Qe7 Prevents Rd4-d7. **33...Rf8 34.Bh5** Suddenly, White's got something going. John Watson: 'Yermolinsky,A: 'Suddenly, White's got something going.'' **34...Qd8?** John Watson: 'Yermolinsky,A: '?''. The position is equal. Still, there was no reason to panic. John Watson: 'Yermolinsky,A: 'Still, there was no reason to panic."
[34...Rd2! John Watson: 'Yermolinsky,A' 35.Bxf7+ Kh8 Threatens to win with ...Qb8-a8. 36.Bg6 *(36.Bxe6? -#6/20 36.Rc7-b7 -0.14 Rxg2+! and Black mates.)* 36...Rg8 37.Be4 White wants to mate with Qe7-f6! Re2∓]

35.Bxf7+ Kh8 36.Qxd8 Rdxd8 37.Bxe6 Endgame. John Watson: 'Yermolinsky,A: '='. KRR-KRB Just like that, all his winning chances are gone. John Watson: 'Yermolinsky,A: 'Just like

that, all his winning chances are gone." **37...Rf2 38.g4 g6** Strongly threatening ...Rd8-d2. **39.Rc5 Re2 40.Bf7 Kg7 41.Bd5 Rd7 42.Bf3 Rb2 43.Rc6 Rbd2 44.Kg3 R2d6 45.Rc8 g5 46.Ra8** White happily takes the draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
½-½

C07

□ **Topalov,Veselin** **2749**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2808**
GCT Rapid Paris 2017 (2.5) 21.06.2017
[John Watson,Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 Against the 3...c5 Tarrasch, White often employs 4 Ngf3 to avoid the 4 exd5 Qxd5 lines. This can make it difficult for Black to generate active play, but White's punishment is that his play is limited as well. I've used a game from two months ago as my basis for examining 4 Ngf3, which was actually used in 11 games this month. My main idea is to show some standard Black solutions, dull though some of them might be! **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5 Qxd5 7.Nb5 Na6** See this month's game Vachier LeGrave-Caruana for. Inhibits Nb5-c7+.

[7...Qd8]

8.a3N This is hardly ever played One of White's ideas seems to be that after c4, he won't have to worry about ...Nb4 or ... Bb4.

[There are three games in the Archives with 8.c4]

[and two with 8.Nc3]

[It's been years since White played 8.Be2 -0.28/21 8.Nb5-c3 0.21 , presumably because Qxg2 9.Bf3 Qg5!∓ falls short in terms of compensation. 10.a4 Bc5 11.Nc4 Qh4 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Ne5 Nb4 14.Rg1 Nfd5 15.Bg5 Qxh2 16.Rg3 f6 17.c3 fxe5 18.cxb4 Qxf2+ 19.Qxf2 Bxf2+ 20.Kxf2 e4 Dignam,M (2340)-11.Qf2 Bd4 12.Bd4 (2450) HUN-ch Budapest 1996]

[8.Nc4 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Bc5 has proven equal in numerous contests.]

8...Bd7

[Black's attack on b5 limits White's options, whereas after the equally sound 8...Be7 , White can play either 9 c4 or 9 Nc3. One example went 9.c4 Qc6

A) 10.b4 Nc7!? *(10...0-0 11.Qf3 Nb8 12.Rb1 a5 13.bxa5 Qxf3 14.Nxf3 Rxa5 15.Be2 Nbd7 16.0-0 b6 17.Bd2 Ra4 18.Bb4 Nc5 19.Rfd1 Bb7 20.Ne5 Ba8 21.f3 Rb8 22.Rd2 Ne8 23.Nd7 Rb7 24.Rbd1 g5 25.Nxc5* 0-1 Mcshane,L (2615)-Ni,H (2665) Chess Classic 2009 (6)) 11.Nd4 Qd6 12.N4f3 0.01/20 *(12.Bb2± 0.53/20)* 12...0-0 13.Bb2 a5= Giaccio,A-Martins Barriga,F (2244) ICCF 2007;

B) 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Be2 Rd8 12.Qc2 Nc5 *(12...Qe4!? 13.Qxe4 Nxe4=)* 13.0-0 Qe4! 14.Qxe4 Nfxe4 15.Be3 aiming for b2-b4. Bd7 *(15...a6)* 16.Ne5! a6 17.Nd4 Bf6 *(17...Ba4!∓)* 18.f4! Ba4 19.Bf3 And now b2-b4 would win. Ng5 20.Bd1 Bxd1 21.Rfxd1 Nge4∓ McShane,L (2674) -Popilski, G (2529) Las Vegas 2015]

9.c4 White has an edge.

[9.Nc3 is the main option: Qd6 *(9...Qe5+ 10.Be2 Bc6)* 10.Bc4 -0.15/18 *(⩲10.Qf3 0.29/18; 10.Be2 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nde4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Qc7 14.Bd3 Rad8 15.Qf3 f5 16.Nc3 Bc6 17.Qh3 Rd4 18.Qe3 Qd7 19.Qe2 Nc5 20.Be3 Nxd3 21.cxd3 Rh4 22.f3 Bf6 23.Bf2 Bd4 24.Bxd4 Rxd4* 1-0 Azarov,S (2562)-Dvirnyy,D (2530) EU-ch Rapid Katowice 2022 (11)) 10...Be7= 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2 Nc5 13.Nf3 Qc7= Malakhov,V (2717)-Fridman,D (2604) Riga 2014]

9...Qe5+ 0.32/22

[9...Qf5= -0.04/21]

10.Qe2±

[10.Be2 Rd8 11.Nf3 Qb8 ...Bd7xb5 is the strong threat. 12.Nc3 Bc6=]

10...Qxe2+ 11.Bxe2 Bxb5!?

[11...Be7 retains the bishop pair for a while.]

12.cxb5 Nc5 13.0-0!? -0.01/21

[13.b4 Na4 14.Bd1 Nc3 15.Bf3 Nfd5 16.Bb2 Nxb5 17.0-0 with compensation for the pawn, but not necessarily more.]

[13.b4± 0.41/23 is superior. Na4 14.Nc4]

13...Nd5 14.Nc4 Nb3 Dodges Nc4-a5. A dynamic duo of knights. **15.Rb1 Rc8 16.Rd1 Bc5 17.Bg5!?**

[17.Nd2]

17...f6 18.Bh4 -0.70/20

[18.Bc1 -0.31/20 is more appropriate.]

18...Ke7∓ 19.Bf1 Nb6 20.Nxb6 Bxb6 21.Rd3 Nd4 White's bishops aren't active and Black has the superior pwn structure. **22.Bg3 e5** Prevents Bg3-f4

[22...Nxb5? 1.31/24 22...e6-e5 -1.07 23.Rbd1]

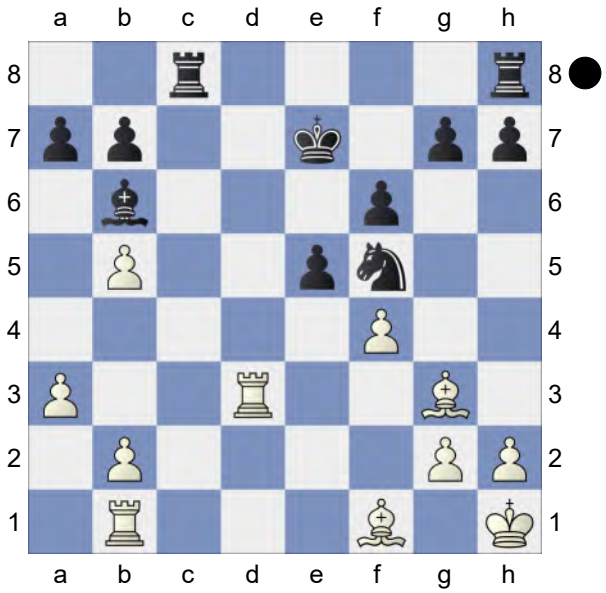
[22...Nxb5 23.Rbd1 Nd4 24.Rxd4 Bxd4 25.Rxd4±]

23.Kh1 Nf5

[23...Nxb5?! 24.Rbd1 Nd4 25.f4=]

24.f4!? -2.24/23

[24.Rbd1∓ -1.27/21 is a better defense.]



24...Nxg3+? -0.34/24

[24...e4! 25.Re1 e3∓ has the idea ... Rc2 Black is way more active than White.]

[24...e4!-+ -2.24/23 25.Re1 e3]

25.Rxg3 g6

[25...exf4? 26.Rxg7+ Ke6 27.Re1+ *(27.Rxb7 f5±)* 27...Kd6 28.g3+- *(28.Rxb7 Rhe8+-)*]

26.fxe5 fxe5 27.Bd3 Bd4 This has a drawish look. **28.Rf3!?**

[28.Be4 Bxb2 29.Bxb7 will draw.]

28...Rhf8

[28...Bxb2! 29.Rxb2? -2.23/22 *(29.Be4=* -0.26/23 and White has nothing to worry.*)* 29...e4! wins material.]

29.Rxf8

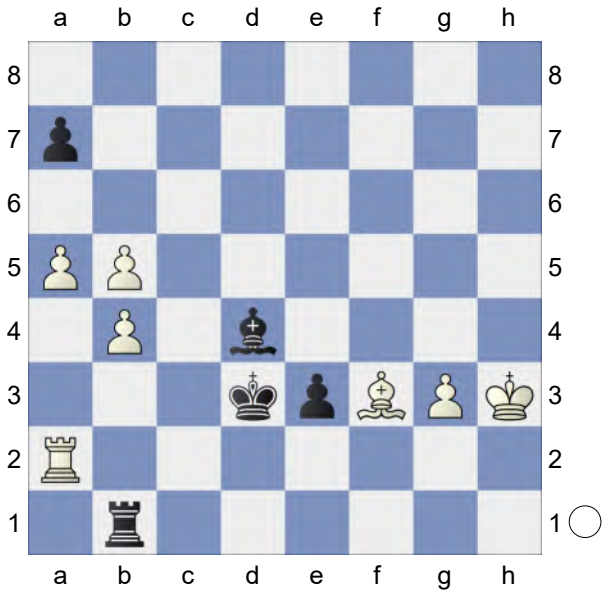
[29.Be4]

29...Rxf8 Endgame. KRB-KRB **30.g3**

Rf2 31.b3 Kd6 32.Re1 Rf3 33.Bc4 Kc5 34.Rc1 Rf2 -0.03/24
[34...e4∓ -0.45/22]
35.Bd3+ -0.41/24
[35.Bg8+! Kxb5 36.Bxh7=]
[35.Bg8+!= -0.03/24 Kxb5 36.Bxh7]
35...Kd5 -0.01/24
[35...Kb6∓ -0.41/24 should be considered.]
36.Bc4+ -0.48/24
[36.Rc7= -0.01/24]
36...Kd6 37.Re1 g5 38.Re2 Rf3 Keeping the rooks on to retain some chances. **39.Kg2 Rc3 40.Kh3 h5 41.Bf7 Be3 42.a4 e4 43.Bxh5 Ke5 44.Bf7 Kf5 45.Bd5 g4+ 46.Kg2 Ke5!?**
[46...b6=]
47.Bxb7 Kd4
[47...Rxb3 48.Bc8±]
48.b4 0.12/25
[48.Ra2± 0.57/21]
48...Kd3= 49.Ra2 Bd4 50.a5 Black must now prevent b5-b6! **50...Rc1** threatening mate! **51.h3 gxh3+ 52.Kxh3** b5-b6! would now be deadly. **52...e3 53.Bf3** Prevents e3-e2. **53...Rb1?** 2.04/22
[53...Rc7! should hold.]
[53...Rc7± 0.72/22 might work better.]

(Diagram)

A blunder. **54.b6!+- Rxb4**
[54...axb6? 4.29/26 54...a7-a6 1.88 55.a6]
[54...Kc3 55.b7]
55.b7 Be5 2.99/24
[⌓55...a6 1.94/23 56.Be2+ Skewer Ke4 57.Bxa6 Ba7]
56.a6 Rb6 57.Ra5 Bb8 58.Rd5+ Kc4 Strongly threatening ...e3-e2. **59.Rd8**



Be5 60.Kg4!
[Don't do 60.Be2+ Kc3 61.Kg2 Rb4+-]
60...Kc3 61.Kf5 2.73/24
[⌓61.Be2 4.60/22]
61...Bxg3 There's nothing else. **62.Be2 Kc2 63.Ke4 Re6+?** 8.63/23
[63...Kc3 2.35/23 64.Kxe3 Be5 65.Rc8+ Kb4]
64.Kf3 White is clearly winning. **64...Bh2 65.b8Q**
[65.b8N Bc7 66.Rc8 Kd2+-]
65...Rf6+ 66.Kxe3 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
1-0

C03
□ **Aravindh,Chithambaram V R 2630**
■ **Banusz,Tamas 2620**
PRO League Stage rapid (3) 20.01.2020
[Kuzmin,Alexey, Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.c3 c5 5.exd5**
[5.Bd3 cxd4 6.cxd4 dxe4 7.Nxe4

Nf6 8.Nf3]
[5.Ngf3
A) 5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 *(6.cxd4 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Nf6 8.Bd3)* 6...dxe4 7.Bb5+ *(7.Nxe4 Nf6)* 7...Bd7 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Nxe4;
B) 5...Nf6 6.exd5 *(6.e5 Nfd7; 6.Bd3)*]

5...Qxd5
[5...exd5 6.Ngf3 Nf6 *(6...Nc6 7.Bb5 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.Bg5 a6 12.Be2 Be6 13.Nfd4 h6 14.Bh4 g5 15.Bg3 Ne4 16.Bd3 Qf6 17.Re1 Nxg3 18.hxg3 Rfe8 19.Qf3 Qxf3 20.gxf3 Kg7 21.Kg2* 1-0 Vaisman,V (2586)-5. ♘g5 e6 6. ♗d3 ♘ gf6_469 (2615) Daring Defences 2011 (6)*)* 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Nb3 Bb6]

6.Ngf3
[6.dxc5 Qxc5 7.Ngf3 *(7.Ne4 Qc6 8.Bd3 Nd7 9.Nf3* Inhibits Nd7-e5. *Ngf6=* Of course *10.Qe2* is possible. White does not have the resource *Nxe4?* as after *11.Bxe4 Qc7 12.0-0* Black gets an advantage: *0-0 13.a4!∓* or *Nf6 14.Bc2∓ b6 15.Bg5 Bb7)* 7...Nf6
A) 8.Be2 0-0 Black has to take control of the d5-square. 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Re1 Nbd7= 11.Nd4 a6 12.Bf1 b6 13.N2f3 -0.68/20 *(13.Nf5=* -0.11/20 *Bd8 14.Ng3)* 13...Bb7 isn't dangerous for Black. The pawn capture 14.g3 doesn't promise anything for White: Bd6;
B) 8.Bd3 Qc7⇄ 9.0-0! was more precise. 0-0 10.Qe2 Nbd7 11.Ne4± White has a plan to transfer the knight c4-e3 and then to d5 or f5. Also, he will play d4 and start attacking Black's pawn formation in the centre. Later he can try to take advantage of Black's weaknesses on the kingside. b6?! 12.Bg5! Here White forces the exchange on d4. Bb7 13.Rad1± If Black wants to protect the e5-pawn , the natural move - Rad8 is more natural and stronger. In comparison with the variation with ♗c5 here White does not have the manoeuvre ♘c3-a4, exchanging the black bishop. It is very strange, but the move 8...d6 (7...d6) has almost never been used.]

6...cxd4N
[6...Nf6 7.Bc4 Qd6= 8.0-0 cxd4 9.Nxd4 a6 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Bd3 Nbd7 12.Re1 Re8 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.Qf3 b5 15.Bf4 Qb7 16.Qxb7 Bxb7 17.Nd6 Nd5 18.Nxb7 Nxf4 19.Be4 Nb6 20.Bc6 Rec8 21.Na5 Ra7 22.Rad1 Nc4 0-1 Morozov,Y (2625)-George,E (2629) Petah-Tikva Petah Tiqwa 1997 (7)]

7.Bc4
[7.Nxd4 Nf6 8.N2f3 0-0]

7...Qh5 8.Nxd4 White has an edge.

8...Qxd1+ Not logical. If Black decides to play ...d7-d5, he can do it immediately.

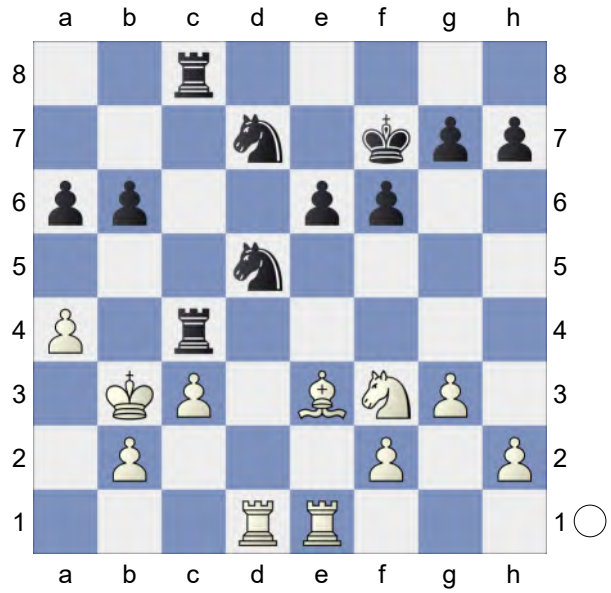
9.Kxd1 a6 0.49/22 Prevents Nd4-b5.
[9...Nf6= 0.03/20]

10.Re1
[10.N2f3 -0.14/19 10.Bc4-e2 0.52 Nf6 11.a4]
[10.Bd3 Nf6 11.Nc4 Nbd7± Inhibits Nc4-b6. is possible also. 12.Ke2! Only this risky looking move allowed Black to hold equal chances. Nd5 13.Rd1 0-0 14.Be4 N7f6 15.Bf3 Bd7]

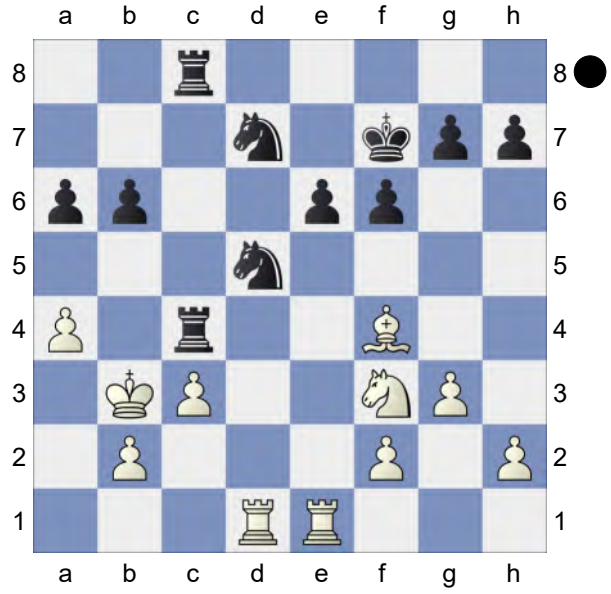
10...Nf6 11.a4 -0.01/19 The pin is quite annoing for Black.
[11.Be2± 0.45/19 deserves consideration.]

11...b6 12.Be2 aiming for Nd2-c4. **12...Bb7 13.Bf3 Bxf3+ 14.N2xf3±** White is slightly better. **14...0-0 15.Kc2 Nbd7 16.Nc6 Bc5 17.Be3 Rfc8 18.Bxc5 Rxc6 19.Bd4 Nd5 20.g3 Rac8 21.Kb3 f6 22.Rad1 Kf7 23.Be3 Rc4** 1.14/23

[23...g5∓ -0.34/19 stays ahead.]



24.Bf4? -1.39/21



Rxc3+!∓ 25.bxc3 Rxc3+ 26.Kb2 Rxf3 27.Be3 Ne5 28.Rd4 -2.22/20 Inhibits Ne5-g4.

[28.Kc2∓ -1.43/22]

28...Nxe3? -0.40/24

[28...h5-+ -2.22/20 ...Ne5-g4 is the strong threat. 29.Kc2 Ng4]

29.fxe3-+ Endgame. KRR-KRN

29...Rf2+ -0.17/24

[Black should play 29...b5!∓ -0.67/21 30.Re2 Rf1]

30.Kc3 -0.60/23

[30.Kb3= -0.17/24 is more appropriate.]

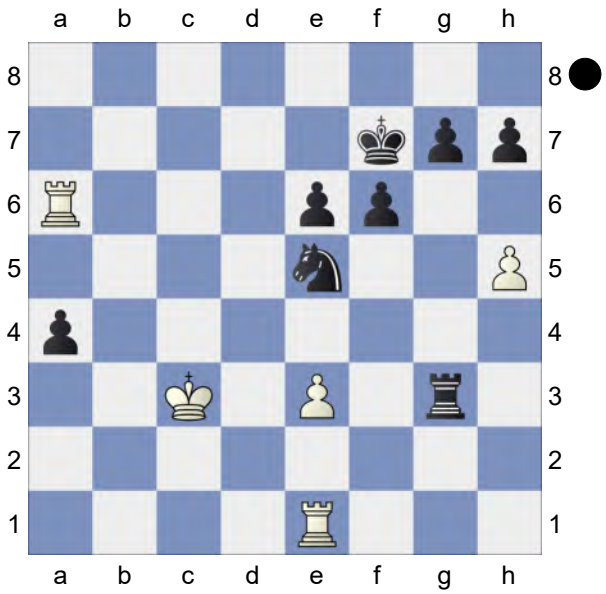
30...b5∓ 31.h4 -1.36/23 Black keeps a firm grip on the game.

[⌓31.Rd6 -0.78/23 bxa4 *(31...Rxh2 32.a5±)* 32.Rb1]

31...Rg2∓ 32.h5 -1.71/23

[32.a5∓ -0.99/22 was called for. Ra2 *(32...Rxg3 33.Rd6±)* 33.h5]

32...Rxg3-+ 33.Rd6 bxa4 34.Rxa6



f5! 35.h6 -2.34/23

[35.Rxa4∓ -1.59/21 Rh3 36.Rd1]

35...gxh6 36.Rxa4 Kf6 37.Re2? -3.43/24

[37.Kc2 -1.92/21]

37...Ng4 38.Kd2 -5.07/22

[38.Re1 -3.25/20 might work better.]

38...h5 Black is clearly winning. **39.Ra7 h6 40.Ra8 h4 41.e4 f4 42.e5+ Nxe5**

43.Rf8+ Nf7 44.Ke1 h3 45.Re4 e5 (→ ...h3-h2) **46.Kf2 h2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/Black=0.41. An unexpected result.
½-½

C07

□ **Predojevic,Borki** **2586**
■ **Markus,Robert** **2586**
SRB-chT Premier (3.4) 09.09.2021
[John Watson,Kitty Kat]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Bf1 For decades, 12 Bb3 and 12 Qe2 were the main lines, but in the last couple of years attention has turned to this move, which gives the kingside some extra defense and in many cases prepares g3 and Bg2. **12...Be7** A safe square, preparing castling. Black has a choice of setups:

[a) 12...Bd6 is the move 12 Bf1 is directed against, but it's still playable, and somewhat less dramatic than in the lines after 12 Bb3: 13.Nf5 *(13.g3 0-0 14.Bg5 Be5 15.c3 h6= 16.Nf3!? Bxc3 17.Rc1 hxg5 18.Rxc3 Qd8)* 13...Bxh2+ 14.Kh1

A) I gave 14...0-0? 15.Nxg7! Rd8 *(15...Kxg7 16.Qd4!)* 16.Bd3 Kxg7 17.Qd2 Ng8 as unclear, but 18.Qg5+ Kh8 19.f4 f6 20.Qh4 Bg3!? 21.Qxg3 Rd7 22.Re2 Rg7 23.Qh4± gives White some pressure on Black's position;

B) 14...Kf8!

B1) 15.Qd4 exf5 16.Qxf6! h6! 17.Qd4 Bd6= See Shankland-Chandra in the Archives. After that game, one high-level encounter went 18.Bd2?! Be6 19.Bc3 Rh7 20.Rad1 Be7 21.Qe3 h5!∓ 22.Qf3 *(22.Be5)* 22...Rc8 23.Bd3 Karjakin,S (2781) -Caruana,F (2808) Paris 2017, and although Black eventually won after 23...Qc6, g6! with the ideas ..h4, ...b5, and ...g5 would put more pressure on White;

B2) 15.g3 exf5 16.Bf4 *(16.Kxh2 Be6 17.Bf4 Qb6 18.Qd6+ Qxd6 19.Bxd6+ Kg8 20.Bg2 Rc8 21.c3 Ne4=)* 16...Qb6= 17.Bc4? *(17.Be3 Qc7 18.Bf4 Qb6=)* 17...Be6 18.Bd6+ Ke8 *(Or 18...Kg8! 19.Rxe6 Qc6+)* 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Rxe6+ Kf7 21.Re7+ Kg6-+ Grieve,H (2320)-Volovich,V (2177) Chess.com INT 2021]

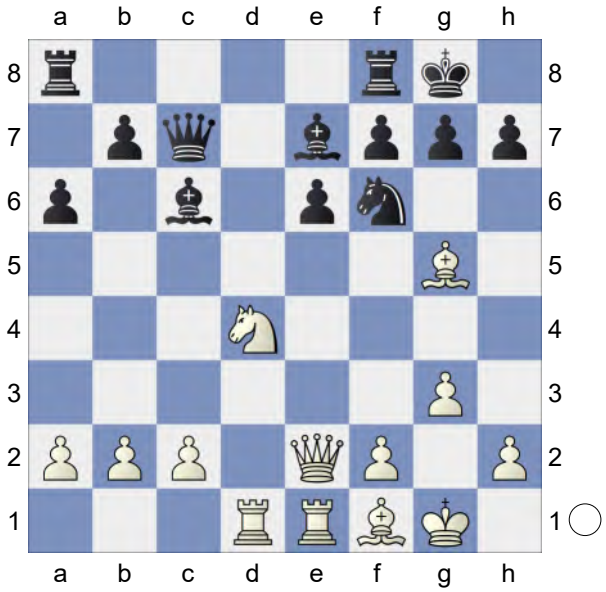
[b) 12...Bc5 is also playable: 13.Bg5 Bd7 14.c3 *(14.Nf5? 0-0-0 15.Nxg7?* Vokhidov,S (2530)-Erigaisi,A (2567) Chess.com INT 2021 *Bxf2+! 16.Kxf2 Bc6 17.Qe2 Ne4+-+)* 14...h6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qf3 Be7 17.Re2 Rd8 18.Rae1 h5 19.h4 Kf8 20.g3 e5 *(20...Bc8)* 21.Nf5 Be6 , roughly equal, Laine,J (2283)-Satosuo,R (2176) ICCF 2021]

13.Qf3

[13.g3

A) 13...b6?? 14.Bf4 Qc5 15.Bg2 *(or 15.Re5)* 15...Ra7 Mammadzada,G (2443)-Hou,Y (2658) chess.com INT 2020 16.Re5!+- Qc4 17.b3 Qc3 18.Re3 Qc5 19.b4 Qc4 20.Nc6 Rd7 21.Rd3 h5 22.Nxe7 Kxe7 23.Rxd7+ Nxd7 24.Qd6+ Kf6 25.Re1+-;

B) 13...0-0 14.Qe2 *(14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Nb3 Bd7 16.Bg2 Bc6 17.Be3 Qc7=* Bellissimo,J (2203) -Checa,N (2562) Chess.com INT 2021*)* 14...Bc5?! *(Better to develop quickly by 14...Rd8 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.Nb3 Bd7=)* 15.Nb3 Bd6 16.Bg5 Bd7 17.Rad1 *(17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Rad1±)* 17...Bc6? 0.86/20 *(17...Bb5=* 0.26/20 *18.c4 Bc6)* 18.Nd4± Be7? 2.65/22 *(18...Rad8±* 0.87/20 *)*



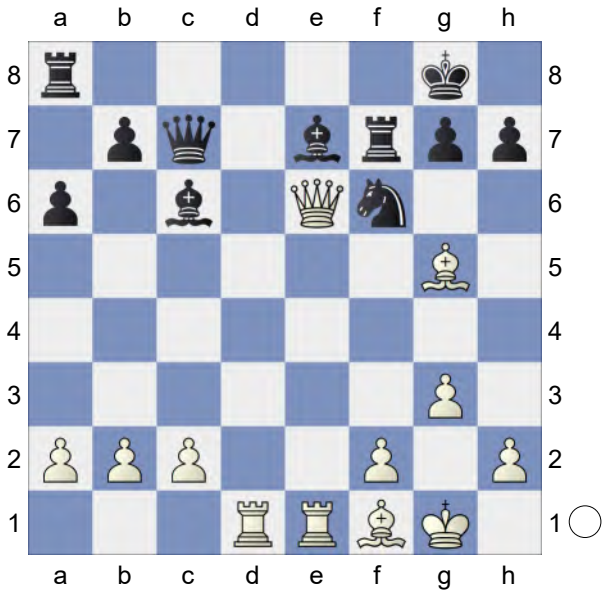
Perez Ponsa,F (2554) -Urazayev,A (2451) Chess.com INT 2021. Black has allowed the trick 19.Nxe6!+- fxe6 20.Qxe6+ Rf7? 5.10/22 *(20...Kh8* 2.98/24 *)*

(Diagram)

21.Bc4!+- with a completely winning position, e.g., Be8 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Qg4+ Kf8 24.Bxf7 Kxf7 25.Rd4 Rd8? 6.73/23 *(25...Kf8* 3.96/23 *26.Rde4 Bd6)* 26.Rde4+-]

13...0-0 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Rad1 Qc7

[16...Qb6 17.Qb3 Qc7 18.c4 Bd7



19.Nf3 *(19.Qc3±)* 19...Rfd8 20.Ne5 Be8= Karjakin,S (2781)-Grischuk,A (2761), Paris 2017]

17.c4 Bd7 18.a3 A little more forceful than

[18.b3 ,]

[18.Qg3 , and]

[18.h3 , which are examined in the Archives game Antal-Shetty.]

18...Rfd8 19.Qc3

[19.h3 h6 20.Qc3 *(20.Rd2 Be8 21.b4±)* 20...Rac8 21.Qe3 Qb6 22.b3 *(22.b4 Ba4 23.Rd2±)* 22...a5 23.Rb1 Be8 24.Red1 Rd7 25.b4 Rcd8 26.c5 Qc7 27.Rd2 Rd5 28.Bc4 Re5 29.Qb3 axb4 30.axb4± 1/2-1/2 Volodarsky,Y (2379)-Grayland, S (2393) ICCF email 2018. This kind of position is slightly easier for White to play, but reasonable defensive moves should hold, e.g., Re4 31.Nf3 And now Rd2xd8 would win. Rxd2 32.Nxd2 Rd4 33.Qe3 Qd8 34.Rb2! b6 35.cxb6! Rd6 36.b5 Rxb6 37.Qc5 Nd7±]

19...Rac8 20.b4

[20.h3±]

20...Ba4! 21.Rd2 Qf4 22.Nf3 Ne4

[22...Rxd2 23.Nxd2 Rd8 24.Nf3 h6=]

23.Rxd8+ Rxd8

[23...Be8 looks sharper. 24.Rxc8 Nd6 25.Rb8 Kf8]

24.Qe3 Qxe3 25.Rxe3 Bc2 26.Re2

[26.Ne1!? Bb1□ 27.Nf3=]

26...Bd3 27.Re3 Bc2 28.Re2 Bd3 29.Re3 Bc2

½-½

C09

□ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2678**
■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2733**
33rd ECC Open 2017 (7.1) 14.10.2017
[John Watson,Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Qe7+ 7.Be2 Qc7 8.0-0**

[8.dxc5 is analysed in this month's game Adams-Nikolaidis.]

8...Nf6 9.Bb5

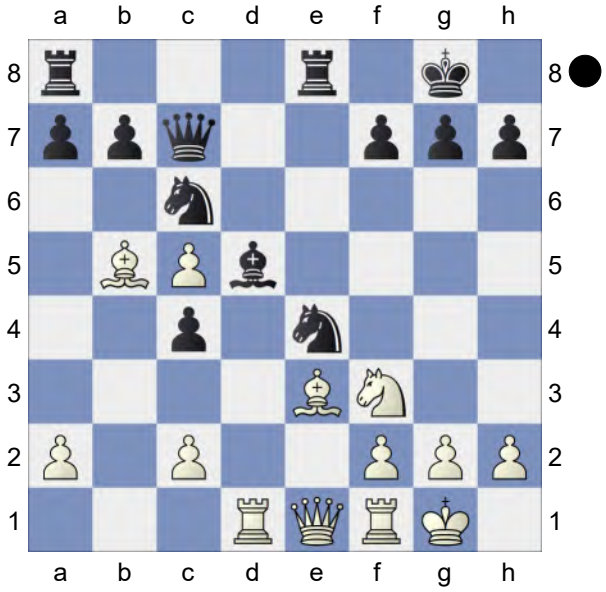
[9.c4 is featured in Sambuev-Noritsyn in the Archives, where]
[9.dxc5 and]
[9.Re1 are also analysed.]

9...cxd4 White has an edge.

[9...Be6 also looks playable, e.g., 10.Nb3 *(10.Re1 Bd6 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Nb3! Bb6)* 10...c4! 11.Nc5 Bxc5 12.dxc5 0-0 13.b3?! -0.34/20 (slow White should develop) *(13.Bxc6= 0.06/20* should be considered. *Qxc6 14.Be3)*

A) 13...Ne7! threatens to trap the b5 bishop, and 14.b4 -0.72/22 *(14.bxc4!= -0.29/20 dxc4 15.Qe2)* 14...a6∓ 15.Ba4 a5! 16.a3 Ne4∓ -0.34/20 favors Black. *(16...axb4∓ -0.81/22 17.axb4 Bd7)*;

B) 13...Ne4 14.bxc4?! *(14.Bxc6)* 14...dxc4 15.Qe1 Prevents Ne4-c3. *(15.Bxc6 Qxc6∓)* 15...Bd5 16.Be3 Rfe8 -0.48/21 *(16...Ne7!; 16...Ne7∓ -1.12/22 17.Nd2 Nxc5 18.Bxc4 Bxc4 19.Nxc4 Ne6)* 17.Rd1 -1.10/20 *(17.Qe2∓ -0.48/21)*



17...Rad8!∓ 18.Nd4 a6 -0.20/23 *(18...Nxc5!; 18...c3∓ -1.04/23* aiming for ...Ne4-d2. *19.Ne2 Nd2 20.Nxc3 Nxf1 21.Bxf1 Qe5)* 19.Bxc6!= bxc6 20.f3?! *(20.Qb4)* 20...Nxc5 21.Qf2 -0.77/21 *(21.Nf5= -0.25/21)* 21...Na4∓ 22.Rfe1 f6 23.Qh4? -1.37/24 *(*White should play *23.Nf5* -0.73/19 *)* 23...Nc3∓ 24.Ra1 Bf7 and Black stood far better in Melamed,T (2384) -Chelushkina,I (2265) Belgrade 2013, although the game was ultimately drawn.]

10.Re1+

[10.Nxd4 -0.01/22 10.Rf1-e1+ 0.44 is safe but harmless after a6 *(or 10...Be7 11.N2f3 0-0)* 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.c4 c5!? *(12...Be7 13.Qc2* with perhaps a small edge*)* 13.N4f3 Hoping for c4xd5. Be7 *(13...d4*

0.50/21 13...Bf8-e7 -0.25 *14.b4!)* 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Nc4 Bb7=]

10...Be7 11.Qe2 To prevent castling.

11...a6

[11...Bg4 0.41/20 11...a7-a6 -0.01 12.h3 Bh5 *(12...Bxf3 13.Nxf3 Ne4 14.Nxd4 0-0 15.Be3 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Bd3 Rfe8 19.Qe3 Qxe3 20.Rxe3 Nc5 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Rd1 g6 23.Kf1 Kg7 24.Be2 Rd8 25.Bf3 d4 26.Ke2 b6 27.Kd2 ½-½* Martinez Alcantara,J (2612)-Kramnik,V (2753) Madrid Clash of Claims m blitz 2024 (18)*)* 13.Qe5!±]

12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Nxd4 0.00/20

[13.b4!± 0.51/20]

13...Ra7!=

[13...c5 14.Nc6 Be6 15.Nxe7 Kxe7 16.Nb3 Rhe8 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bh4 g5 19.Bg3 Qb6 20.Be5 Ng8 21.Rad1 Rad8 22.Qe3 d4 23.Qg3 Rd7 24.f4 d3 25.f5 c4+ 26.Nd4 Rxd4 27.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 28.Qf2 1-0 Badrinath,S (2033)-Kesharwani,S (1597) Jaipur op 1st 2024 (2)]

14.Qe5N

[14.N2f3 c5 15.Nb3 0-0 16.Bg5 Be6 17.c4 dxc4 18.Nbd2 h6 19.Bh4 c3 20.bxc3 Nd5 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Ne4 Rc8 23.Rad1 Qc7 24.c4 Ne7 25.Nd6 Rd8 26.Qe5 Ng6 27.Qg3 Raa8 28.Rd2 Rd7 1-0 Ripari,M (2063)-The Caveman Theory (2348) K0006 www.desc-online.de 1999 (4)]

14...c5 Mamedov had previously played these same moves and agreed to a draw versus Kazhgaleyev in Tashkent 2016. It's a strange line to repeat, since White hasn't the slightest chance for advantage, but presumably a draw is what he was after.

[Black could also choose 14...Qxe5 15.Rxe5 Rc7 , e.g., 16.Nf5?! *(16.b3 Kd8! 17.Bb2 Bd6 18.Ree1 c5 19.N4f3* is equal but still interesting.*)* 16...Bxf5 17.Rxf5 Nd7 *(17...0-0)* 18.Nb3 0-0 19.c3 Re8∓]

15.Nf5

[15.Qg5 looks sharper. 0-0 16.Nf5 Bxf5 17.Qxf5 h6 18.Nf1]

15...Qxe5 16.Rxe5 Bxf5 17.Rxf5 0-0 18.b3! A good setup. White would be awkwardly-placed after

[18.Nf3 Rd8]

18...a5

[18...Rd8 19.Bb2 has the idea d4 20.Nc4 , when Nd5 21.Re5 Bf6 22.Re2 g6 looks even.]

19.a4 g6 20.Re5 Bd6

[20...Nh5!? threatens ...Bf6, when. White must now prevent ...Be7-f6. 21.Rb1 *(21.Rxd5?!* -0.76/24 *21.Ra1-b1 0.10 Nf4 22.Re5* Nd2-c4 would now be deadly. *Bf6∓)* 21...Rd8 22.Nf3 Bf6 23.Re1 Ng7 24.Bd2 Ne6 25.g3= is still balanced Black stands actively but has no effective breaks.]

21.Re1 Rc8 22.Bb2 Nd7 23.Rad1 Bf8 24.Nb1 Heading for b5. **24...Nb6!**

[24...Rb7!? 25.Nc3 *(25.Rxd5 Nb6 26.Rdd1* Strongly threatening Bb2-c3. *Nxa4=)* 25...c4 26.Nxd5 Nd5-e7+ is the strong threat. cxb3 27.cxb3 Rxb3 28.Re2 entails more work.]

25.Nc3 Rd7 26.Nb5 Bg7 27.Bc1

[27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.g3 d4=]

27...h5!? 0.57/23

[27...d4 28.Bd2 Ra8=]

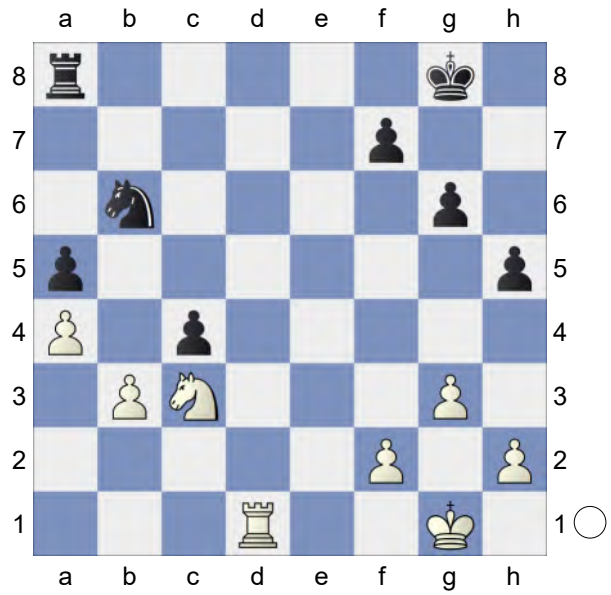
[Better is 27...d4= 0.01/23]

28.g3 0.20/20

[28.Bd2± 0.57/23]

28...d4! 29.Bd2 Ra8 30.c4 versus ... Nd5. **30...dxc3 31.Bxc3 Bxc3**

32.Nxc3 Rxd1 33.Rxd1 Endgame. KRN-KRN **33...c4?** 1.73/25
[33...Rb8= 0.10/23 and Black is okay.]



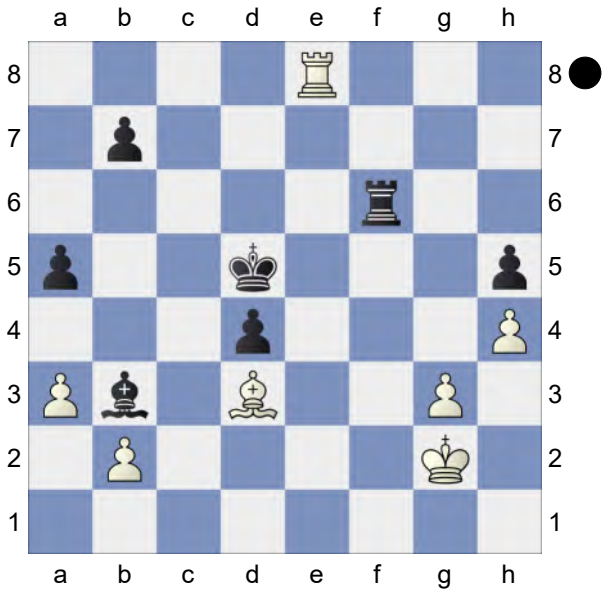
34.Rd6+- Rb8 The position is equal. **35.bxc4 Nxc4 36.Rc6 Rb4 37.Rc5 Nb2 38.Rb5 Kf8 39.Rxa5** Threatens to win with Ra5-b5. **39...Rc4! 40.Ra8+ Kg7 41.Nb5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

C06

□ **Akhmedinov,Satbek** **2379**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2778**
FIDE World Bl Team Final blitz (1.2)
[Kitty Kat]

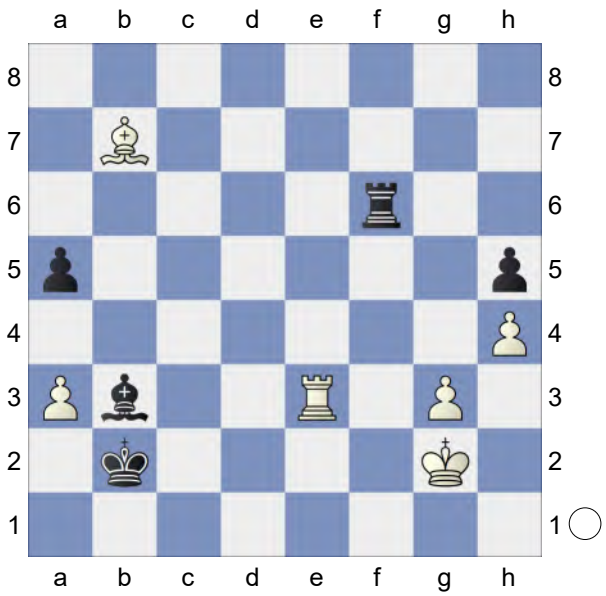
C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Nf3 0-0 12.Bf4 Bxf4 13.Nxf4 Ng4 14.Qd2 Qd6** 0.92/22
[14...Qf6!± 0.45/21 is more appropriate. 15.Nh5 Qh6 16.Qxh6 Nxh6]
15.g3± e5
[15...Bd7 16.Ng5 g6 17.Rae1 Rae8 18.Nxh7 Rxf4 19.Bxg6 e5 20.Bxe8 Rxd4 21.Qg5+ Kxh7 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.f4 e4 24.f5 Qg7 25.Qh4+ Nh6 26.f6 Qf8 27.f7 Ne5 28.Rf5 Nexf7 29.Ref1 Kg8 30.Rf6 1-0 Christoffel,A (2500)-Comp Fritz 4 (2500) 46/(591) Linares 1988]
16.dxe5 Ngxe5 White is better. **17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Be2N** 0.23/21 Repels Ne5-f3+
[18.Be4± 0.68/22 d4 19.Rad1 *(19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.Qxd4 Nf3+ 21.Bxf3 Qxd4 22.Rxd4 Bxf3 23.Rd3 Bc6 24.Rad1* 30. French 3...Nf6 − 11. Nf3-NN *)* 19...Bf5 20.Qe2 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 g5 22.Qd5+ Qxd5 23.Nxd5 Rad8 24.f4 Rxd5 25.fxe5 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Kf7 27.Ke2 Rxe5+ 28.Kf3 Rf5+ 29.Ke2 Rb5 30.b3 Ra5 31.Rd2 Ke6 32.Kd3 Rd5 33.Re2+ 0-1 Spiliadis,A (1888)-Kanakaris,G (2285) 60th ch-GRE Vrahati GRE 2010 (5)]
18...d4= 19.Rfd1 Rd8 20.Nd3
[20.Qc2 seems wilder. Rf8 21.Rac1 Bf5 22.Qc5]
20...Bh3 21.Rac1 Inhibits Qd6-c6. **21...Rac8 22.Rxc8 Bxc8** 0.76/18
[22...Rxc8= 0.26/21 23.Nf4 Bd7]
23.Qf4 0.16/22
[23.Re1± 0.76/18 Threatens to win with Nd3xe5. Nc6 24.h4]
23...Nxd3 24.Qxd6
[24.Bxd3 Qxf4 25.gxf4 Kf7]
24...Rxd6 25.Bxd3 Endgame. KRB-KRB **25...Be6 26.a3 a5 27.f4 Kf7 28.Kf2**
[28.Bxh7? g6 29.Kf2 Kg7 30.Bxg6

Kxg6-+]
28...h6 29.Kf3 Kf6 30.Rd2 h5 31.Kg2 Bd5+ 32.Kf2 Bb3 33.h3 g5 34.fxg5+ Kxg5 35.h4+ Kf6 36.Kf3 Ke5! ...Rd6-f6+ is the strong threat. **37.Re2+ Kd5** ...Bb3-d1 would now be deadly. **38.Re8 Rf6+ 39.Kg2** -0.90/24
[39.Ke2= 0.01/27]



39...Bd1 -0.01/25
[Black should play 39...Ba4!∓ -0.90/24 40.Rd8+ Ke5]
40.Be4+ -1.10/25
[40.Ra8= -0.01/25 keeps the balance.]
40...Kc4∓ 41.Rc8+ Kb3 42.Bxb7? -3.25/24
[42.Rd8∓ -0.96/23 was worth a try. Bg4 *(42...Kxb2 43.Rxd4 Bb3 44.Bxb7=)* 43.Rxd4]
42...d3? 0.31/24
[Black should try 42...Kxb2-+ -3.25/24 43.Be4 a4 *(43...Kxa3 44.Rd8∓)*]
43.Rc3+± Kxb2 44.Rxd3 Bc2 0.66/24
[44...Bb3!= -0.01/25]
45.Re3 Bb3

(Diagram)

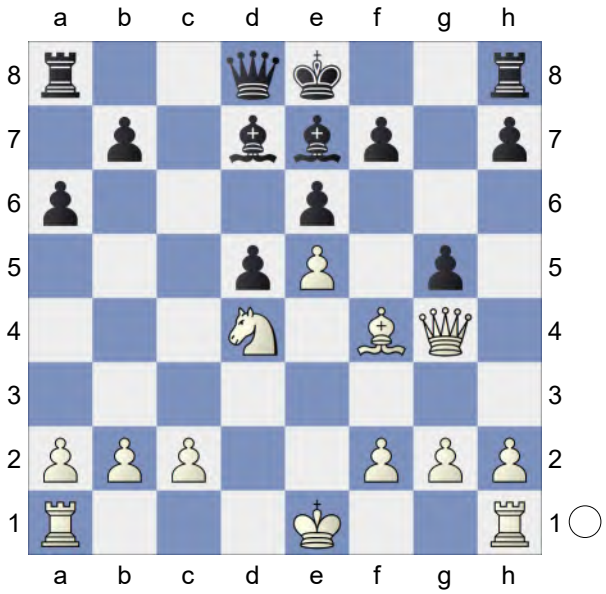


46.a4 Rb6 47.Bf3 Bxa4 48.Re5 0.20/22 White is more active.
[48.Bxh5± 0.63/22 is superior. Rd6 49.Re2+ Kc3 50.Re3+ Kb2 51.Kh2]
48...Bb5= 49.Bxh5 a4 50.Be8 Bxe8 The position is equal. **51.Rxe8** KR-KR
51...a3 52.Ra8 a2 53.h5 a1Q
[But not 53...a1B?! 54.Rf8±]
54.Rxa1 Kxa1 KR-KPP **55.Kf3 Kb2 56.g4** And now g4-g5 would win.
56...Kc3 57.g5 Kd4 58.Kf4 Black must now prevent h5-h6. **58...Kd5** Strongly threatening ...Kd5-e6.
[58...Rb1!? 59.Kf5□ Rb5+ 60.Kf6 Ke4=]
59.Kf5 Rb1 60.h6 Rf1+ 61.Kg6 Ke6 62.h7 Rh1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)
½-½

C07

□ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2505**
■ **Lei,Tingjie** **2548**
Norway Chess (Women) 12th (1) 27.05.24
[Kitty Kat]

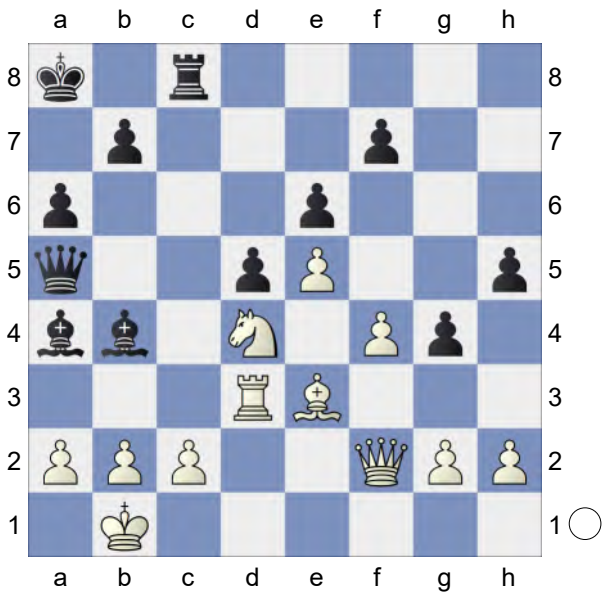
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.N2f3 Nc6 8.Bf4 Be7 9.Bb5!** is recently more successful than 9.c3. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 9.c3.
9...Nxd4
[9...Qb6 10.c3 Nc5 11.Qc2 Bd7 12.Be2 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 0-0 14.0-0 Rac8 15.Be3 a5 16.a4 Qc7 17.f4 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Nb5 Qb8 20.Rae1 Kh8 21.Qd1 b6 22.Bd4 Ne4 23.g3 e5 24.fxe5 0-1 Muzychuk, A (2505)-Lei,T (2548) Norway Chess Armageddon (Women) 12th rapid 2024 (1)]
10.Nxd4 White is slightly better. **10...a6N**
[Vorgänger: 10...0-0 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Re1 Bd7 13.Bf1 Ne4 14.c3 Qb6 15.Rb1 0.31/20 *(*Better is *15.Qc2±* 0.72/21 *)* 15...f5 1.19/21 *(15...f6±* 0.31/20 *)* 16.exf6 -0.22/21 *(*White should try *16.f3±* 1.19/21 *)* 16...Bxf6 0.62/18 ;1-0 Alekseenko,K (2650)-Bluebaum,M (2658) Chessable Play In Match D3 rapid 2024 (1.3) *(16...Nxf2!=* -0.22/21 *17.Qb3 Qxb3 18.axb3 Rxf6)* 17.Be3 Qc7 18.Bd3 Nc5 19.Bc2 g6 20.Nf3 Rae8 21.Bd4 b6 22.Ne5 Bc8 23.Qg4 Qg7 24.Qg3 Nd7 25.Ba4 Re7 26.Bxd7 Bxd7 27.Re3 Ba4 28.b3 Bb5 29.Rbe1 Ree8 30.h3 Qe7 31.Qg4 Qg7 1-0 Alekseenko,K (2650)-Bluebaum,M (2658) Chessable Play In Match D3 rapid 2024 (1.3)]
11.Bxd7+ Bxd7 12.Qg4 g5



aiming for ...h7-h5! **13.Be3 Qc7 14.f4 0-0-0 15.0-0-0 Rhg8 16.Qe2** -0.05/27
[16.Qh3± 0.38/21]
16...Kb8 0.44/22
[16...Qc4= -0.05/27 17.Qxc4+ dxc4]
17.Rhf1 Bc5 18.Rf3 g4 19.Rg3 h5 20.Bf2 Black must now prevent Rg3-c3.
20...Rc8 21.Rc3 Qb6 22.Be3 Ba4 0.88/19
[22...Bb5± 0.39/23 23.Qf2 Ka8]
23.Qf2± Ka8 24.Kb1
[24.f5 exf5 25.Qxf5 *(25.Nxf5 Bxe3+ 26.Qxe3 Qxe3+ 27.Nxe3 Rxc3=)* 25...Qg6]
24...Qa5 25.Rdd3
[Of course not 25.f5 Bb6=]
25...Bb4 26.Rxc8+ Rxc8 27.Bd2
[Much worse is 27.f5 Qc7=]
27...Qb6! Strongly threatening ... Ba4xc2+! **28.Be3! Qa5** 0.89/20
[28...Qd8± 0.43/23]

(Diagram)

29.Bd2 0.08/24
[Much weaker is 29.f5?! Qc7=]
[29.a3!± 0.89/20 Be1 30.Qe2]

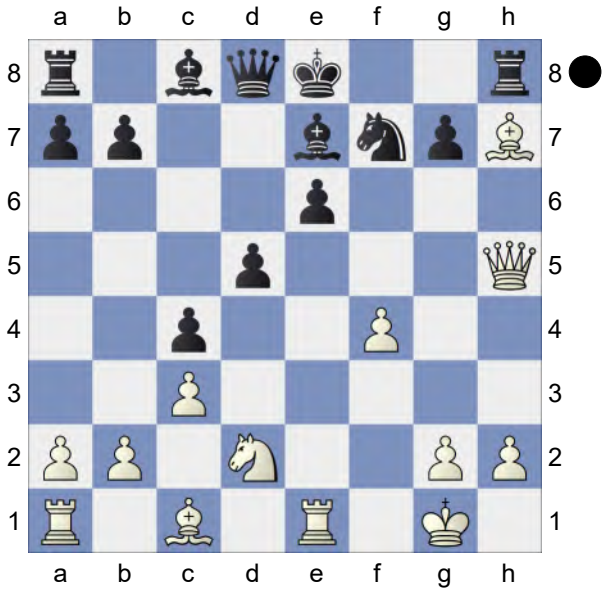


29...Qb6= Hoping for ...Ba4xc2+! **30.Be3** 0.99/22
[30.Qe3= 0.08/24]
30...Qa5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

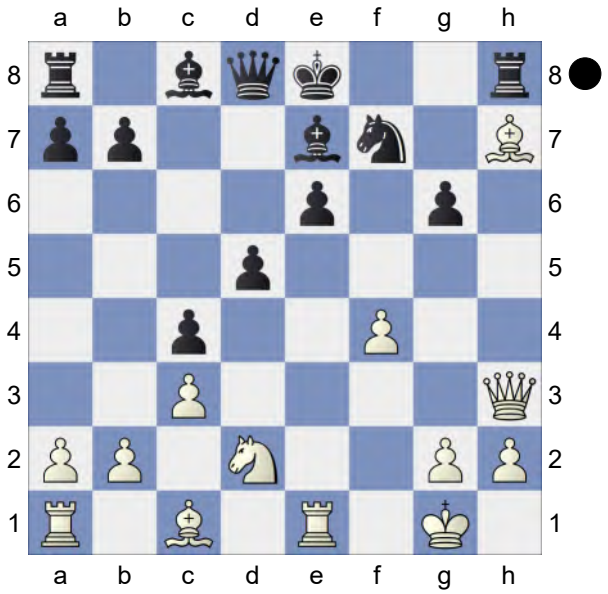
C06

□ **Kochavi,Ori** **2424**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2738**
ISR-chT Israel (6.13) 10.02.2024
[Kiddie Kat]

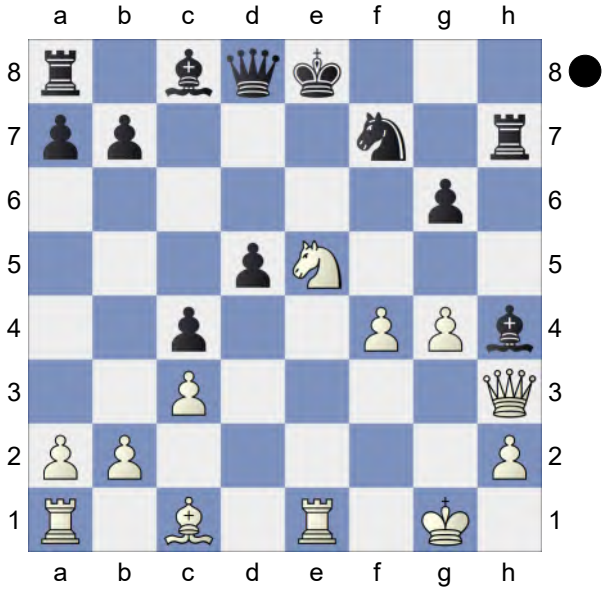
C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 f6 8.0-0** 0.17/22
[8.exf6± 0.59/23 Qxf6 9.0-0]
8...fxe5= 9.Nxe5 Ndxe5 10.dxe5 The position is equal. **10...Nxe5 11.Qh5+ Nf7 12.Re1**
[12.Bxh7? g6 13.Qxg6 *(13.Bxg6? Rxh5 14.Bxh5 Qh4-+)* 13...Qh4-+]
12...c4N
[12...Bd6!?]
[12...Be7 13.Nf3 g6 14.Qg4 e5 15.Bb5+ Kf8 16.Qg3 e4 17.Ne5 Bh4 18.Nxf7 Kxf7 19.Qe3 Qd6 20.b3 Bf5 21.Ba3 Be7 22.Rad1 Qb6 23.Be2 Rad8 24.Bb2 h5 25.Bf1 Bf6 26.Qf4 Qd6 27.Qd2 0-1 Congiu,M (2259)-Touzane,O (2339) FRA-chT Top 12 2015 (6) Kg7 28.Bc4 d4 29.cxd4 cxd4 30.Qa5 Qb6 31.Qa3 Rhe8 32.Bc1 e3 33.fxe3 dxe3 34.Be2 Bg4 35.Rxd8 Qxd8 36.Bxg4 hxg4 37.Bb2 Qd2 38.Bxf6+ Kxf6 39.Qc1 Qxc1 40.Rxc1 Rd8 41.Kf1 Ke5 42.Rc7 0-1 Wijks,W (2259)-11. ♗c4 ♘c6 12. 0-0 b6_1807 (2339) 17/482 Las Palmas 1974 (6)]
13.Bc2 And now Nd2-f3! would win.
13...Bd6 14.f4 -0.10/24
[14.Qxd5? Bxh2+ 15.Kxh2 Qxd5-+]
[14.Kh1!± 0.56/22]
14...Be7 15.Bxh7? -3.01/23
[15.b3= -0.04/24 and White has nothing to worry.]



White does not recover from this.
15...g6!-+ 16.Qh3
[16.Qxg6 Bc5+]



16...e5! Discovered Attack **17.g4**
[17.Qe3 Rxh7]
17...Bh4
[17...exf4 18.Nf3 Qb6+ 19.Kg2∓]
18.Nf3 Rxh7 19.Nxe5



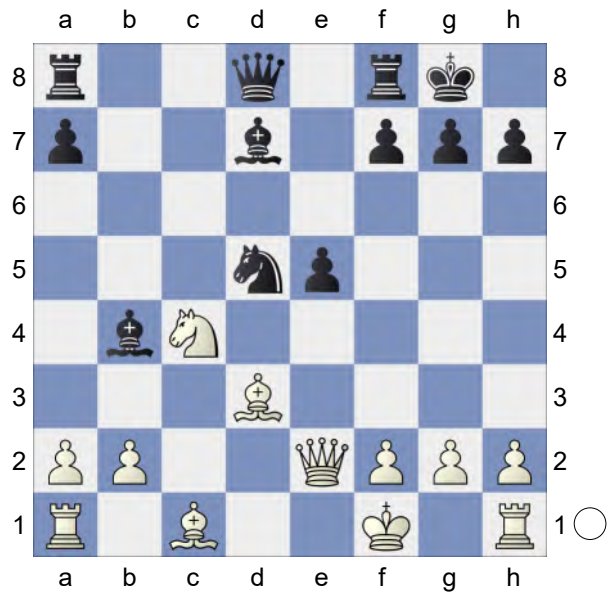
Bf2+! Discovered Attack **20.Kxf2 Rxh3 21.Nc6+ Kf8 22.Nxd8 Nxd8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.10 (very precise)
0-1

C07
□ **Tymrakiewicz,R.** **2709**
■ **Bolanos Lopez,Juan Jacobo** **2562**
49/380 Manila (4) 09.05.2020
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qe2 e5** 0.67/21
[9...Ne7= 0.12/18]
10.exd5± cxd5 White is slightly better.
11.c4 Ne7! 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Nc4 Bb4+ 14.Kf1N -0.38/22
[14.Bd2= 0.14/21 0-0 *(14...Bxd2+ 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Qxd5 Be6 18.Qxd8 Rfxd8 19.Ne3 f5 20.0-0 f4 21.Nd1 Rd2 22.Re1 Rc8 23.Rxe5 Bxa2 24.h4 Rcc2 25.Rf5 Rd4 26.Nc3 Be6 27.Re5 Bd7 28.Re2 Rxe2 29.Nxe2* 1-0 8. ♗g5 --- (2288)-Porat,I (2309) BL9697 GER 1997 (4)*)* 15.Bxb4 *(15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qe4+ Kg8 17.Qxd5 Rb8 18.Bxb4 Rxb4 19.0-0 Be6 20.Qxd8 Rxd8 21.Nxe5 Rxb2* #2 *3. Nd2 c5-9.Qe2 e5!? 10.exd5; 15.0-0 Bxd2 16.Qxd2 Nf4 17.Be4 Bb5 18.Bxa8 Qxa8 19.Ne3 Rd8 20.Qc2 Bxf1 21.Rxf1 h5 22.Qc7 f6 23.Qc4+ Kh8 24.Qc2 Qb7 25.h3 Rd3 26.Re1 Qe4 27.Kh2 Kh7 28.Rc1 h4 29.b3 a5* 0-1 6.♘f3 ♗c3 (2588)-Pedersen,P (2646) Open Dubai UAE 2000 *)* 15...Nxb4 16.Be4]
14...0-0∓

(Diagram)

aiming for ...Rf8-e8. **15.h4** -1.28/21
[15.Nxe5= -0.15/17 keeps the balance. Re8 16.Bxh7+ Decoy Kxh7



17.Qh5+ Kg8 18.Qxf7+ Kh8 19.Qh5+ *(19.Nxd7? Re1#; 19.Qxd5?* too greedy. *Bb5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd5-+)* 19...Kg8 20.Qf7+ Kh7 21.Qh5+ *(21.Nxd7? Re1#; 21.Qxd5?* loses. *Bb5+ 22.Kg1 Qxd5-+)* 21...Kg8 22.Qf7+]

15...Nf4 0.01/22

[Black should try 15...e4∓ -1.28/21 16.Qxe4 Nf6]

16.Bxf4= exf4 17.Ne5!→ Strongly threatening Qe2-e4. White is up to no good. **17...Bd6**

[17...Re8 is interesting. 18.Bxh7+ Kxh7 19.Qh5+ Kg8]

18.Rd1 Qe2-e4 is the strong threat.

18...Bxe5 19.Qxe5 Re8 0.43/23

[19...Qb8= 0.01/22 20.Qxb8 Raxb8]

20.Qxf4± Bb5

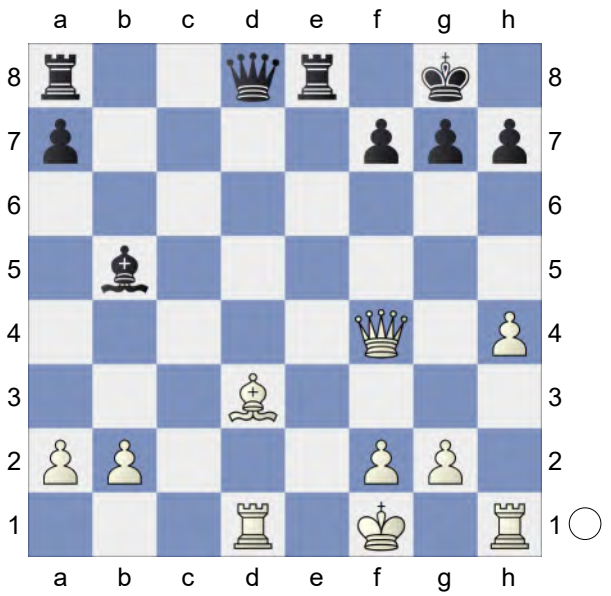
(Diagram)

Inhibits Bd3-c4. Back Rank **21.Rh3 Rc8** 1.54/23 Prevents b2-b3.

[21...Qd5± 0.45/23]

22.Kg1 g6 2.05/23

[22...Bxd3± 1.34/22 23.Rhxd3 Qc7 24.Qxc7 Rxc7]



23.h5+- Rc4? 5.42/27

[23...Bxd3 2.12/22 24.Rhxd3 Qc7]

24.Qh6 h5xg6 would kill now. **24...Qd7** #17/20

[24...Rc7+- 4.50/23 25.hxg6 fxg6 26.Bc4+ Discovered Attack Bxc4 27.Rxd8 Rxd8]

25.hxg6 fxg6 26.Bxc4+ Discovered Attack. Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=1.05

1-0

C07

□ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2709**

■ **Huzman,Alexander** **2562**

PNWCC Online blitz JP 9th (4) 09.05.20

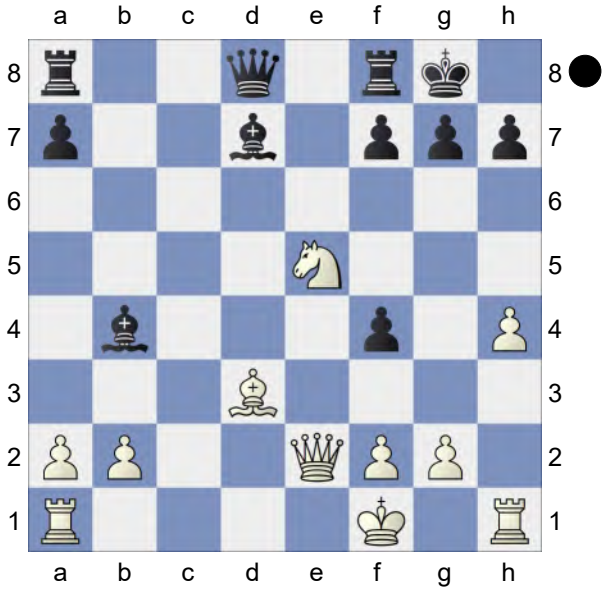
[John Watson,Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6**

[8...Qc7 is seen in this month's game Kovalev-Flom]

9.Qe2 e5 This is Giri's recommendation in his repertoire for Black on Chessable. It is very interesting and is just

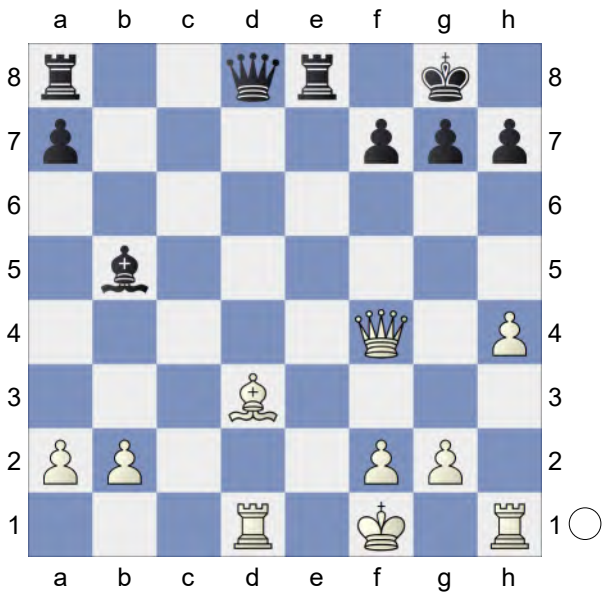
beginning to get more tests. **10.exd5**
[10.f4 -0.62/21 10.e4xd5 0.43 exf4 0.24/20 *(10...Nf6!∓ -0.62/21)* 11.exd5+= Kf8!∞]
[10.c4 is seen in this month's game Lintchevski-Tugarin.]
10...cxd5 White is slightly better. **11.c4 Ne7 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Nc4 Bb4+ 14.Kf1N** -0.55/22
[Tricky but probably just bad. Giri gives 14.Bd2 0-0 ...Nd5-f4 would now be deadly. *(14...Bxd2+ 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Qxd5 Be6 18.Qxd8 Rfxd8 19.Ne3 f5 20.0-0 f4 21.Nd1 Rd2 22.Re1 Rc8 23.Rxe5 Bxa2 24.h4 Rcc2 25.Rf5 Rd4 26.Nc3 Be6 27.Re5 Bd7 28.Re2 Rxe2 29.Nxe2 1-0 8.♗g5 --- (2288)-Porat,I (2309) BL9697 GER 1997 (4))* 15.Bxh7+ *(15.0-0 Bxd2 16.Qxd2 Nf4 17.Be4 Bb5 18.Bxa8 Qxa8 19.Ne3 Rd8 20.Qc2 Bxf1 21.Rxf1 h5 22.Qc7 f6 23.Qc4+ Kh8 24.Qc2 Qb7 25.h3 Rd3 26.Re1 Qe4 27.Kh2 Kh7 28.Rc1 h4 29.b3 a5 0-1 6. ♘f3 ♗c3 (2588)-Pedersen,P (2646) Open Dubai UAE 2000)* 15...Kxh7 16.Qe4+ Kg8 17.Qxd5 Rb8 18.Bxb4 Rxb4 19.0-0 Be6 20.Qxd8 Rxd8 21.Nxe5 Rxb2]
[14.Bd2= 0.01/22]
14...0-0∓ 15.h4 -1.07/22
[15.Nxe5 Strongly threatening Qe2-e4. Be6 16.Kg1 -0.93/18 *(16.Qe4= -0.23/19 f5 17.Qe2)* 16...Re8∓]
[15.Nxe5∓ -0.31/21 Be6 16.Qe4]
15...Nf4?! 0.05/22 This throws away the advantage. Two dynamic continuations were preferable:
[15...e4! 16.Qxe4 Nf6 17.Qf3 Bc6! 18.Qh3 Bb5 19.Bg5 Qd4 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Kg1 -1.47/22 *(⌓21.Qf3 -0.99/22 Qxf3 22.gxf3)* 21...Rfd8∓ 22.Rc1 Qf4 23.Rc2 Rac8∓ -0.88/20 *(23...Re8-+ -1.74/21 24.g3 Qf3)*]
[15...Nf6! 16.Bg5 *(16.Nxe5 -1.75/20 16.Bc1-g5 -0.95 Re8)* 16...e4 17.Bc2 Bb5∓]
[15...e4∓ -1.07/22 16.Qxe4 Nf6]
16.Bxf4= exf4 17.Ne5→



Threatens to win with Qe2-e4. White mounts an attack. **17...Bd6 18.Rd1 Bxe5 19.Qxe5 Re8** 0.46/23
[19...Qb8!=]
[19...Qb8= -0.03/22 is superior. 20.Qxb8 Raxb8]
20.Qxf4± Bb5

(Diagram)

Wards off Bd3-c4. Back Rank **21.Rh3 Rc8?** 1.61/21 Inhibits b2-b3. Black cannot hold the game after this.
[21...Qd5! creates enough counterplay: 22.b3 0.04/26 *(Better is 22.Kg1± 0.55/22 Bxd3 23.Rhxd3 Qxa2 24.Rd7)* 22...Rad8= 23.Kg1 And now Bd3xh7+! would win. *(23.Rg3 -0.42/25* 23.Kf1-g1 0.26 *Qe4!)* 23...Bxd3 24.Rhxd3 Qxd3 25.Rxd3 Rxd3=]



[21...Qd5!± 0.36/24]

22.Kg1+- aiming for Bd3xh7+! **22...g6?** 2.49/22

[22...Qb6 is somewhat better, but 23.Bxb5 Qxb5 24.Rb3 Qc4 25.Qxc4 Rxc4 26.Rb7 is still depressing]

[22...Bxd3± 1.41/22 23.Rhxd3 Re1+ 24.Rxe1 Qxd3]

23.h5 Rc4? 5.75/26

[23...Bxd3 1.82/22 is a better chance. 24.Rhxd3 Qc7]

24.Qh6 Threatening mate with h5xg6.

24...Qd7 25.hxg6 fxg6 26.Bxc4+ Discovered Attack. Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=1.18

1-0

C10

□ **Kevlishvili,Robby** **2539**
■ **Tiviakov,Sergei** **2548**
NED-ch KO Utrecht (1.5) 03.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Ng3 Be7 9.Re1 0-0** 9...Bxf3 is vanishing. 9...Lxf3 scheint zu verschwinden. **10.c3 b6**

[10...Re8 11.Bf4 Bd5 12.c4 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 c6 14.Rad1 Nf8 15.Bc2 Qb6 16.b3 Rad8 17.Be3 Qa5 18.a4 Rd7 19.h4 Red8 20.h5 h6 21.Re2 N8h7 22.Red2 Bd6 23.Bxh7+ Kxh7 24.Ne4 Nxe4 25.Qxe4+ 0-1 9.♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 1 (2735)-Id2 (2770) New York 1970 (1)]

11.Qe2 Bb7 12.Be3N 0.01/19

[Predecessor: 12.Ne5 c5 13.Nxd7 -0.27/22 *(13.Bc4!± 0.55/20)* 13...Qxd7= 14.Be3 Qc6 15.f3 Rfd8 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Rad1 Nd5 18.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 0-1 Wieczorek,O (2505)-Rustemov,A (2525) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Jul Early blitz 2022 (8)]

[12.Ne5± 0.48/19]

[12.Bf4 Nd5 *(12...c5 13.Rad1 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 cxd4 15.Be4 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 e5 17.Bc1 f5 18.Ng3 e4 19.Qf4 g5 20.Qd2 d3 21.f3 Bc5+ 22.Kh1 Ne5 23.b4 Nc4 24.Qxg5+ Qxg5 25.Bxg5 Bf2 26.Rf1 Be3 27.Be7* 0-1 Pranav,V (2611)-Rustemov,A (2525) Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Early blitz 2024 (8) *)* 13.Bd2 N7f6 14.a3 c5 15.c4 Nc7 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.b4 Bd6 18.Rad1 Re8 19.Bg5 h6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Be4 Nd5 22.Nh5 Qe7 23.cxd5 exd5 24.Bd3 1-0 Qgd Semi Tarrasch,O (1950)-10.00 c5 (1649) Email 2013 (9)]

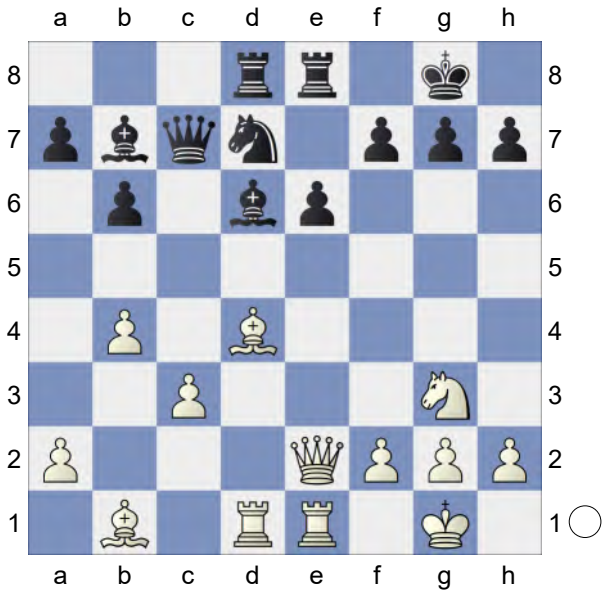
12...c5= The position is equal. **13.Rad1 Qc7 14.Bb1 Rfe8 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Bd4 Rad8 17.Ne5 Bd6** 0.76/19

[17...Ncd7= -0.15/20 keeps the balance.]

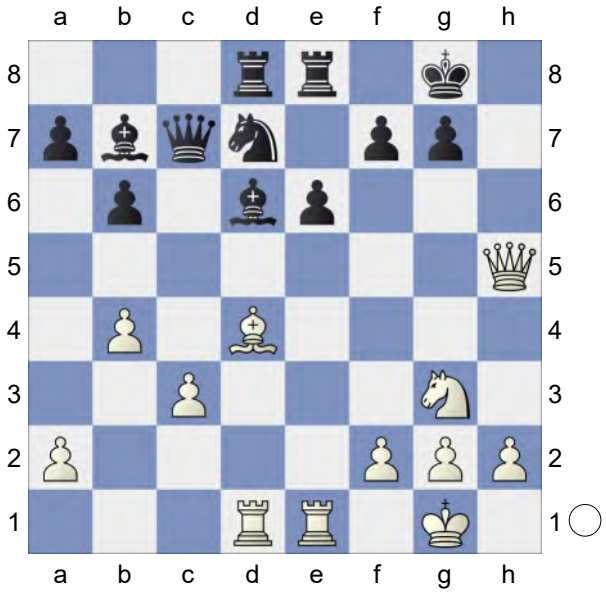
18.b4 -0.01/22

[18.Ng4± 0.76/19 Nxg4 19.Qxg4]

18...Ncd7 19.Nxd7 Nxd7



20.Bxh7+! Decoy **20...Kxh7 21.Qh5+! Kg8**



22.Bxg7 Decoy **22...Kxg7 23.Qg5+ Kf8! 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Nh5** -3.92/25 Against Bd6-f4. Loses the game.

[25.Qg5+= 0.01/25 and White stays safe. Kf8 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Qg5+ Kf8]

25...Qxc3-+

[25...Bxh2+ 26.Kh1 Be5 27.Rd4=]

26.Re3 Qh8

[Inferior is 26...Qxb4 27.Qg7#]

27.Qg5+ -6.96/5

[⌓27.Qxh8+ -4.08/21 Kxh8 28.Rxd6]

27...Kf8 Black is clearly winning. **28.Rh3 Be7 29.Qf4 Nf6 30.Re1 Nxh5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.08 (flawless)

0-1

C07

□ **Oleksienko,Mikhailo** **2592**

■ **Lomasov,Semen** **2541**

ISL-chT Kvika 2223 (5.1) 16.10.2022

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4** Tiviakov,Sergei **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.N2f3 Nc6 8.Bf4 Be7** is the legacy move (8...Qb6). ist old school (8...Db6). **9.Bb5N**

[Predecessor: 9.c3 g5 10.Nxg5 Nxd4! 11.Nxf7 Nc2+ 12.Kd2! Qb6 0.47/24 *(12...Kxf7=* -0.01/27 is more appropriate. *13.Qh5+ Kg8)* 13.Kxc2± Qxf2+ 14.Be2! Rh1-f1 is the strong threat. Qxf4 15.Nxh8 Hoping for Rh1-f1. Qxe5 ½-½ (25) Milov,L (2462)-Tiviakov,S (2639) Leiden 2015 CBM 168 [Tiviakov, Sergei]]

9...Qb6

[9...Nxd4 10.Nxd4 0-0 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Re1 Bd7 13.Bf1 Ne4 14.c3 Qb6 15.Rb1 f5 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Be3 Qc7 18.Bd3 Nc5 19.Bc2 g6 20.Nf3 Rae8 21.Bd4 b6 22.Ne5 Bc8 23.Qg4 Qg7 24.Qg3 1-0 Alekseenko,K (2650)-Bluebaum,M (2658) Chessable Play In Match D3 rapid 2024 (1.3)]

10.c3 The position is equal. **10...a6N**

[10...Nc5 11.Rb1 *(11.Qc2 Bd7 12.Be2 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 0-0 14.0-0 Rac8 15.Be3 a5 16.a4 Qc7 17.f4*

f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Nb5 Qb8 20.Rae1 Kh8 21.Qd1 b6 22.Bd4 Ne4 23.g3 e5 24.fxe5 Bxe5 25.Bg4 Bxb5 0-1 Muzychuk,A (2505)-Lei,T (2548) Norway Chess Armageddon (Women) 12th rapid 2024 (1)*)* 11...0-0 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Be2 Rac8 14.Re1 a6 15.Bf1 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bb5 17.Nxb5 axb5 18.Be3 Qc6 19.Qg4 Ne4 20.Bh6 g6 21.Bxf8 Bxf8 22.Bd3 Nd2 23.Rbd1 Nc4 24.Re2 Qc7 25.Bxc4 1-0 2.d3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 î (2585)-Krueger,A (2667) 4647 Hastings 1946 (3.3)]

11.Ba4 Nc5 12.Bb3 Bd7 13.0-0 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bb5 15.Re1 Bd3 16.Ba4+ Nxa4 17.Qxa4+ Kf8! 18.Red1 Be4 19.c4 Rc8 0.64/21

[19...Qxb2= -0.01/20 20.Rac1 Bc5]

20.Rac1± dxc4 21.Rxc4 Rxc4 22.Qxc4 Bd5 23.Qc8+ Qd8 24.Qc3 h6 25.Nc2 g5 26.Be3 Kg7 27.Nb4 Qc8 0.97/25

[27...Bxb4= 0.13/23 remains equal. 28.Qxb4 Rg8]

28.Nxd5± exd5 29.Rxd5 Qxc3 30.bxc3 Endgame. KRB-KRB **30...Rc8 31.Rd7 Kf8 32.Bd4** White is more active. **32...b5 33.Kf1 b4 34.cxb4 Bxb4 35.g3 Rc2** 1.22/23

[Black should try 35...a5 0.84/23]

36.a4 g4 37.Be3 h5

(Diagram)

38.e6! fxe6 39.Rh7 Rc4 40.Rxh5 Kf7 1.44/25

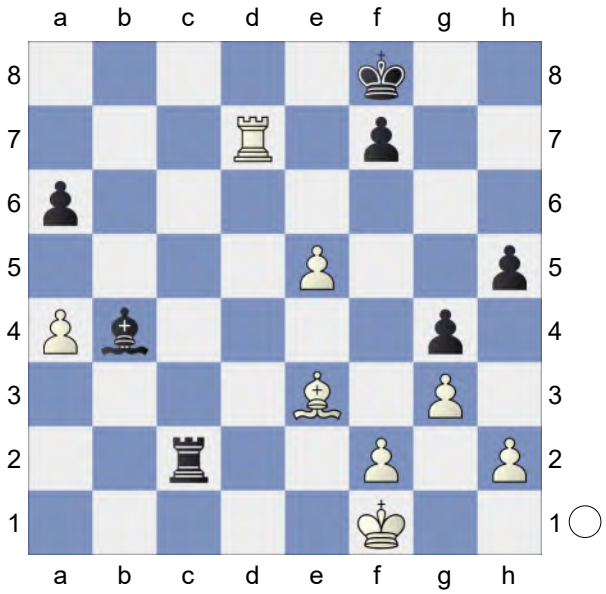
[Black should play 40...a5 1.04/23 41.Kg2 Ke7]

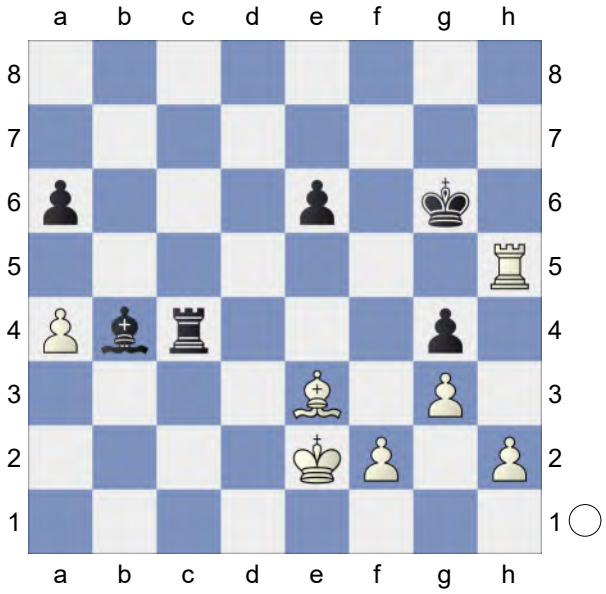
41.Ke2 0.90/24

[⌓41.a5 1.44/25]

41...Kg6 1.60/25

[⌓41...Rc2+ 0.90/24 42.Kf1 Rc4]





42.Rg5+! Kf6 43.Rg8 Black must now prevent Ke2-d3. **43...Kf5?** 2.52/26

[43...Ba5± 1.00/25 was called for.]

44.Kd3+- Rc3+ 45.Kd4 Rg8-g5+ would now be deadly. **45...e5+ 46.Kd5 Be7 47.Ra8** 1.21/25

[47.Rg7+- 2.94/27 and White stays clearly on top. Rd3+ 48.Kc4]

47...Rd3+± 48.Kc6 Bg5? 5.03/24

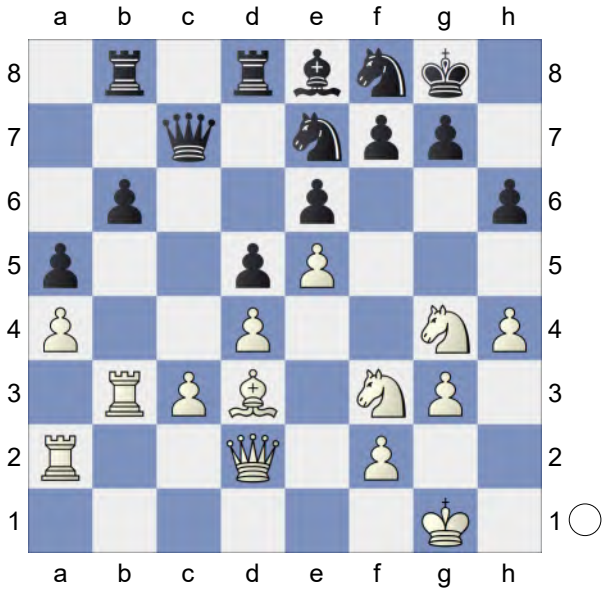
[48...Bb4± 1.35/26 is more resistant. 49.Rxa6 Be1]

49.Rf8++-

[49.Rxa6 Bxe3 50.fxe3 Rd2=]
49...Bf6 50.Kb7 2.66/23
[50.Ra8 Ra3 51.Rxa6 Bg5 52.Bxg5 Kxg5+-]
[⌓50.a5 4.91/25]
50...Ra3? 5.02/25
[50...a5 2.66/23 51.Bb6 Rd7+ 52.Kc6 Rd2]
51.Bb6
[51.Kxa6 Rxa4+ 52.Kb5 Ra1=]
51...Ke6 52.a5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.34
[And not 52.Kxa6 Rxa4+ 53.Kb5 Ra1=]
1-0

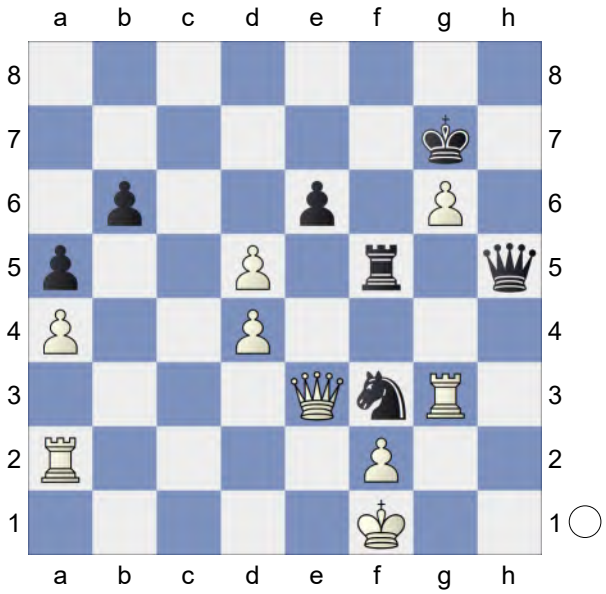
C07
□ **Adams,Michael** **2748**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2771**
London Classic 8th (3) 11.12.2016
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 c4 5.g3**
[5.Be2 Nc6 6.0-0 Bb4 7.c3 Ba5 8.Qc2 Nge7 9.b3 cxb3 10.axb3 0-0 11.Bd3 Ng6 12.Ba3 Re8 13.e5 Bd7 14.h4 Rc8 15.h5 Nf4 16.g3 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Bxc3 18.N4f3 Bxa1 19.Bxh7+ Kh8 0-1 5.♘f3 ♘f6 6.♘f6 ♘f6 (2505)-Baklan,N (2635) 65: 49th USSR Championship, Frunze 1981 (1)]
5...Nf6N
[5...Nc6 6.Bg2 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.c3 Ba5 9.Ne5 0-0 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.f4 Rb8 12.Qc2 c5 13.dxc5 Qc7 14.b4 cxb3 15.axb3 Qxc5+ 16.Kh1 Qxc3 17.Qxc3 Bxc3 18.Rxa7 Rb7 19.Rxb7 Bxb7 20.exd5 ½-½ Keres,P-Stahlberg,G Buenos Aires ol f-A 1939 (10)]
6.e5 Nfd7 7.a4 Nc6 8.Bg2 White is slightly better. **8...Be7 9.0-0 Nb6 10.Re1 a5** 0.88/22
[10...0-0± 0.45/20 might be stronger.]
11.b3 cxb3 12.c3 0-0 13.Qxb3 Bd7 14.Ba3 Rb8 15.Rab1 -0.29/23
[15.Bf1± 0.74/20]
15...Nc8 0.90/22
[15...Bxa3= -0.29/23 16.Qxb6 *(16.Qxa3 Na7=)* 16...Be7]
16.Bxe7 N8xe7 17.Rb2 Na7 18.Qa3 Bc6 19.Reb1 Qc7 20.Bf1 Rfd8 21.Nb3 b6 22.Nbd2 h6 23.h4 Ng6 24.Bd3 Nf8 25.Nf1 Black is weak on the dark squares **25...Be8 26.Ne3 Qc6 27.Ra2 Rdc8 28.Rb3** White has more active pieces. **28...Qc7** 1.33/22
[⌓28...b5 0.96/22]
29.Qb2± Rd8 1.63/20
[29...Nd7± 1.27/19]
30.Ng4+- Nc8 3.02/25
[30...Qe7± 1.57/20 31.Rxb6 Nd7]
31.Qd2 Ne7



32.Nxh6+! D e m o l i t i o n **32...gxh6 33.Qxh6 Nf5 34.Qg5+ Kh8 35.g4 f6 36.exf6**
[36.Qxf6+ Qg7±]

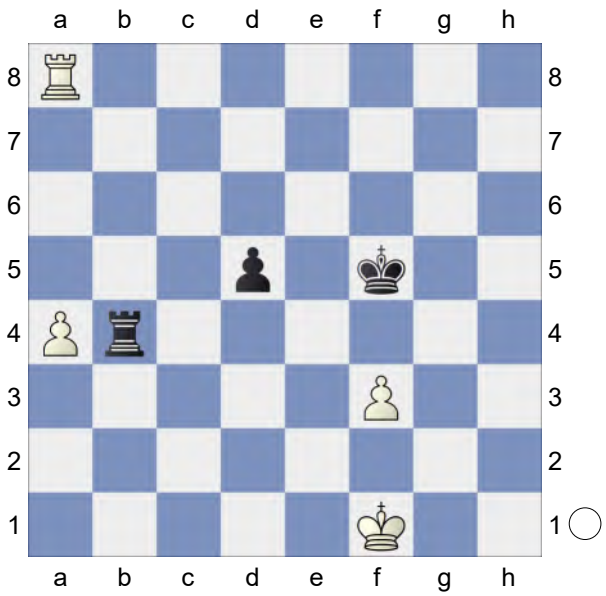
36...Nh7 37.Qd2 Bh5 4.16/23
[⌓37...Qf7 2.62/21 38.gxf5 exf5]
38.gxh5 Rg8+ 39.Kf1 Rbf8 40.Ne5 Rxf6 41.Ng6+ Rgxg6? 4.72/23
[41...Kg7 2.70/23 42.Ke1 Nf8]
42.hxg6 Qh2 43.Bxf5
[43.gxh7? Ng3+ *(43...Qxh4? 44.Bxf5 Qh1+ 45.Ke2+-)* 44.Ke1 Qh1+]
43...Rxf5 44.c4? 0.01/23
[44.gxh7 Qh1+ 45.Ke2 Qf3+ 46.Ke1 Qh1+ 47.Ke2 Qf3+ 48.Ke1 Qh1+ 49.Ke2=]
[44.Rxb6 Nf6= *(44...Qh1+ 45.Ke2=)*]
[44.Qh6!+- 4.84/23 Qh1+ 45.Ke2 Qe4+ 46.Qe3 Qg4+ 47.f3 Qg2+ 48.Qf2 Qxg6 49.Rab2 *(49.Rxb6 Nf8+-)*]
44...Qh1+ 1.42/5
[44...Nf6!= 0.01/23]
45.Ke2± Qxh4 1.95/21
[45...Nf6± 0.75/22]
46.Rg3 1.39/24
[46.gxh7 Qxf2+ *(46...Rxf2+ 47.Kd1∓)* 47.Kd1 Qg1+ 48.Kc2 Rf2∓ *(48...Kxh7? 49.Raa3+-)*]
[Better is 46.Qe3+- 1.95/21 Ng5 47.Kd1 *(47.Rxb6 Qg4+ 48.Kf1 Kg7±)*]
46...Ng5 47.Qe3 Qh5+ 48.Kf1 0.86/22
[48.f3?! Qh2+ 49.Qf2 Qxf2+ 50.Kxf2 Ne4+ 51.Kg2 Nxg3 52.Kxg3 dxc4=]
[White should play 48.Kd3! 1.30/25 Qd1+ 49.Rd2 dxc4+ 50.Kxc4 Qxa4+ 51.Kd3 Qb5+ 52.Kc2]
48...Kg7? 3.05/23
[48...Qh1+± 0.86/22 was necessary. 49.Rg1 Qh5]
49.cxd5!+- Nf3 4.13/24
[⌓49...Qh1+ 2.91/24 50.Ke2 Qb1]



50.Rxf3 2.19/25 **Rxf3 51.Qe5+** 0.10/24
[51.Qxe6+- 2.38/26 Rf5 52.Ra3 *(52.Qxb6? is a self mate. Qd1+ 53.Kg2 Rg5+ 54.Kh3 Qh5#)* 52...Qh1+ 53.Ke2 Qh5+ 54.Kd2 Rxf2+ 55.Ke1]
51...Qxe5!= 52.dxe5 exd5 Endgame. KR-KR **53.Rb2 Rf5** 0.75/26
[53...Kxg6= 0.01/26 keeps the balance. 54.Rxb6+ Kg5]
54.Rxb6± Rxe5 55.Rb5 Kxg6
56.Rxa5 Ra5-b5 would now be deadly.
56...Re4 0.78/25
[56...Kf6= 0.28/25]
57.f3 Rb4 58.Ra8 Kf5? 2.62/26
[58...Rb3± 0.72/28 keeps fighting.]

(Diagram)

59.a5!+- Hoping for a5-a6. **59...Rb7** 4.97/29
[59...Ke5 3.12/28 might work better. 60.a6 Kd4]
60.Ke2 And now a5-a6 would win.
60...Kf4? 6.44/27
[60...Rf7 3.74/26 61.a6 Ke5]
61.a6 White is clearly winning. **61...Rf7**



62.Rb8 Re7+ 63.Kf2 Ke5 64.Rb4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.50. An unexpected result.
½-½

C06

□ **Adams,Michael** **2748**
■ **Topalov,Veselin** **2760**
London Classic 8th (5) 13.12.2016
[,Nadezhda, Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines Even though both players had lost their chance to fight for first place in the tournament, this game was by far the most interesting in this round. Whereas the leaders had mostly theoretical battles that ended in draws, this game is the only one that was sharp and had a result different from a draw. Surprising enough, Michael Adams outplayed Veselin Topalov in a very sharp battle, which we usually would not expect. Let's see how it happened. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Even though both players had lost their chance to fight for first place in the tournament, this game was by far the most interesting in this round. Whereas the leaders had mostly theoretical battles that ended in draws, this game is the only one that was sharp and had a result different from a draw. Surprising enough, Michael Adams outplayed Veselin Topalov in a very sharp battle, which we usually would not expect. Let's see how it happened. '' **1.e4** Tadic,Branko Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva, Nadezhda: 'Tadic,Branko'' **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5** Adams chooses a very positional system and avoids the theoretical jungles of main Berlin lines. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Adams chooses a very positional system and avoids the theoretical jungles of main Berlin lines.'' **4...Nfd7** Personally, I think this is the better move. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Personally, I think this is the better move." **5.c3** Again, this move represents not the most popular continuation but at the same time I would say that it is one of the most positional choices for White. He gives up the light-squared bishop on purpose to limit the activity of the black pieces. Typical play for Adams - get a drawish position, play it for a hundred moves, and get a point by betting on his outstanding technique. However, this game developed according to a different scenario. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva, Nadezhda: 'Again, this move represents not the most popular continuation but at the same time I would say that it is one of the most positional choices for White. He gives up the light-squared bishop on purpose to limit the activity of the black pieces. Typical play for Adams - get a drawish position, play it for a hundred

moves, and get a point by betting on his outstanding technique. However, this game developed according to a different scenario.'' **5...c5 6.Bd3 b6 7.Ne2** Now the e5-pawn is hanging. Tadic, Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Now the e5-pawn is hanging.'' **7...Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.Nf4 b5 10.0-0 c4** Normally Black should have no problem in this position. Strangely enough he got a lot of them... Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva, Nadezhda: 'Normally Black should have no problem in this position. Strangely enough he got a lot of them... ''

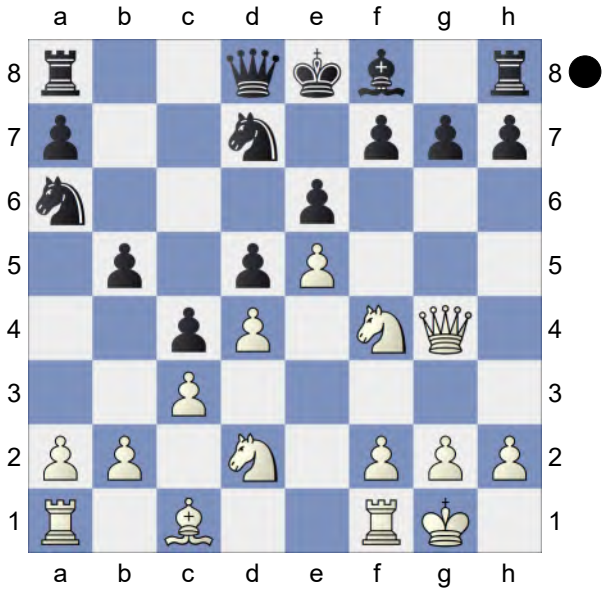
[10...Nc7+- In the event of Tadic, Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'In the event of'' 11.Re1 0.60/22 White wins material after Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'White wins material after'' *(11.Qg4; 11.Nb3± 1.06/21)* 11...c4!± 12.b3 Nb6 1.05/20 *(12...Be7± 0.66/19* feels stronger.*)* 13.a4± cxb3 14.axb5 Nxb5 15.Qxb3 Qd7+- 16.Ra5 The endgame is not only not better for White, it might be better for Black! Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'The endgame is not only not better for White, it might be better for Black!'' a6 17.Nd3 -0.01/20 *(17.Nh5!± 0.89/23)* 17...Qc6 18.Nb4 -0.39/26 *(18.Bb2= 0.21/20)* 18...Qxc3∓ 19.Qxc3]

[10...Qb6

A) 11.a4 a4xb5 is the strong threat. cxd4 12.axb5+- Nc7 0.91/21 *(12...Qxb5± 0.42/21 13.cxd4 Nb4)* 13.c4!± Tadic,Branko: '+-!' '+-!''Kosintseva,Nadezhda: '!' Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Tadic, Branko: '+-!'' Cutting off the black queen! Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva, Nadezhda: 'Cutting off the black queen!'' dxc4? 1.24/21 *(⌓13...Qb7 0.71/21)* 14.Nxc4!± Qc5;

B) 11.Nf3⩲ Nc7 1.04/21 *(11...Be7± 0.62/19)* 12.dxc5± Bxc5 13.b4 Be7 14.a4+- 0.23/23 and Black is helpless. Tadic, Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'and Black is helpless.'' *(14.Nd3± 0.65/22)* 14...bxa4= 15.Be3 Qb7 16.Qxa4 Strongly threatening Nf3-d4! Nb5]

11.Qg4 Tadic,Branko: 'Diagram



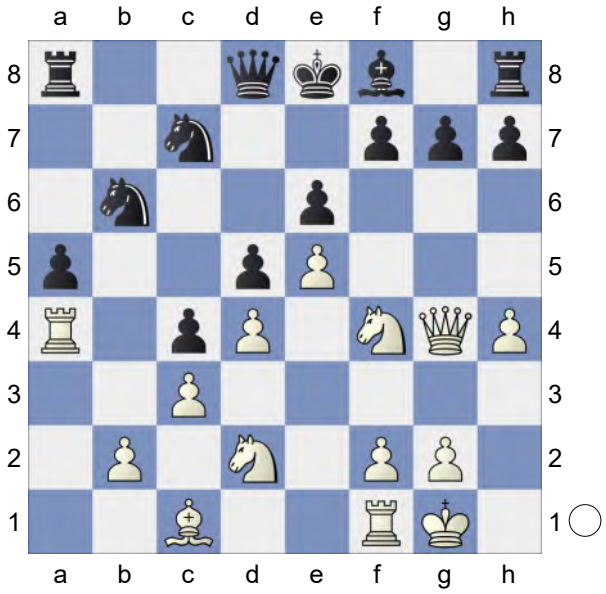
''Diagram [#] Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Tadic,Branko: 'Diagram [#]'' . Threatens to win with Nf4xe6! **11...Nc7** White is better. **12.a4N**

[12.Nf3 a5 *(12...g6 13.h4 Nb6 14.h5 Qd7* Tarrasch Variation-Part Bd3 2017 *)* 13.Bd2 g6 14.h4 h6 15.Nh3 Be7 16.h5 g5 17.Nh2 f5 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Qe2 Qd7 20.Ng4 Nxg4 21.Qxg4 0-0-0 22.f4 gxf4 23.Bxf4 Rdg8 24.Qe2 Bd6 25.Bxd6 Qxd6 26.Nf4 Rh7 1-0 7.♕g7 ♖g8 8.♕h6 ♖g6_6 (2290)-Tibbits,H (2231) op Portoroz 1995 (6.4)]

[12.b3 g6 13.a4 a6 14.h4 h5 15.Qh3 Be7 16.bxc4 bxc4 17.Nf3

Rb8 18.Ba3 Bxa3 19.Rxa3 Qe7 20.Raa1 Rb3 21.Ng5 Nb8 22.Rae1 Nc6 23.Re3 Kd7 24.Rf3 Nd8 25.Ne2 Kc6 26.Rf6 Rb7 ½-½ Aronian,L (2750)-Morozevich,A (2771) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2009 (12)]

12...bxa4 A very natural move. Black restricts the further advance of White's central pawns. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'A very natural move. Black restricts the further advance of White's central pawns.'' **13.Rxa4** Tadic,Branko: 'N' 'N''Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Tadic,Branko: 'N''' **13...a5** **14.h4** **Nb6** Tadic,Branko: 'Diagram



''Diagram [#] Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Tadic,Branko: 'Diagram [#]''' **15.Ra1** This is the only good idea for White in the position. If he does not play dynamically, he is at risk of getting into trouble in the long run since the position has become quite open and the pair of black bishops pretty soon can turn into a real power. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'This is the only good idea for White in the position. If he does not play dynamically, he is at risk of getting into trouble in the long run since the position has become quite open and the pair of black bishops pretty soon can turn into a real power.'' **15...g6** Black had no choice. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Black had no choice. '' **16.h5** **a4** The major difference between ... ♕d3 and other queen moves is that White cannot play ♘e4 - the rook on f1 is hanging. Otherwise, if the knight gets to e4 White has excellent compensation for the pawn. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'The major difference between ... ♕d3 and other queen moves is that White cannot play ♘e4 - the rook on f1 is hanging. Otherwise, if the knight gets to e4 White has excellent compensation for the pawn. '' **17.Qh3** 1.01/23

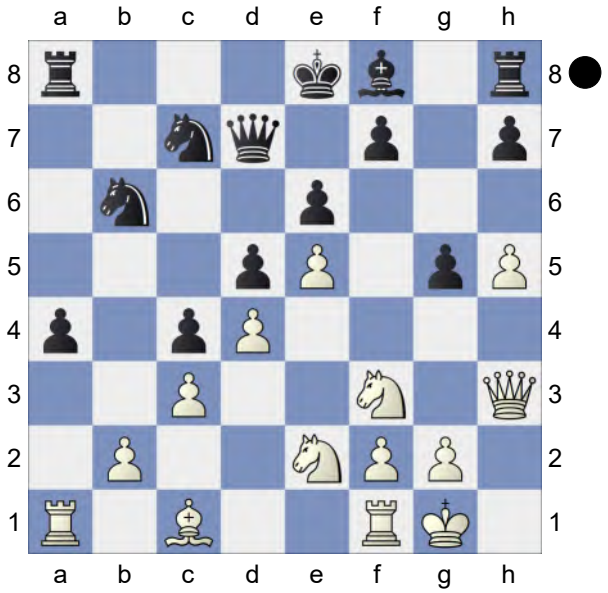
[White should try 17.Nf3 1.49/20]

17...g5±

[17...Rg8 18.Nf3 Tadic,Branko: '±' '±''Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Tadic,Branko: ' ±''' The position is still won for White, but the game goes on and requires some precision. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'The position is still won for White, but the game goes on and requires some precision.'' Nd7! 3.10/22 Here Black probably would resign in a couple of moves. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Here Black probably would resign in a couple of moves.'' *(18...g5! 19.Qg3; 18...Be7± 1.08/24)* 19.hxg6+- hxg6 20.Qh7 Wards off Bf8-g7 Rg7 21.Qh8 g5 22.Nh5 Rg6 23.Nxg5 Rxg5+- 4.48/23 *(23...Qe7* 2.73/22 was necessary. *24.Nf3 Kd8)* 24.Nf6++- Nxf6+- 25.Bxg5]

[17...gxh5 1.91/23 17...Rh8-g8 0.93 18.Nxh5 Nd7+- Against Nh5-f6+ 19.Nf3 Rg8 20.Ng3 1.59/21 *(20.Nh2+-* 2.86/22 *)*]

18.Ne2 Qd7 1.78/24
[18...Rg8± 1.26/20]
19.Nf3+- Tadic,Branko: 'Diagram



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[Perhaps, the best chance was Tadic, Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Perhaps, the best chance was'' 21...0-0-0 22.fxg5 Bxg5 23.Ng4]
22.fxg5! Adams plays like a machine. I wonder whether he might have analysed this position at home and we are again seeing another game that actually "was not played on board" as Peter Svidler said recently... ?! Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Adams plays like a machine. I wonder whether he might have analysed this position at home and we are again seeing another game that actually "was not played on board" as Peter Svidler said recently... ?!'' **22...hxg5**
[22...Bxg5?? 2.40/24 22...h6xg5 1.94 23.Bxg5+- hxg5?? 24.h6+-]
23.h6! Again the strongest move. Tadic, Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Again the strongest move." **23...Qb3 24.Qh5?!** That looks too greedy. There was a better continuation. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'That looks too greedy. There was a better continuation. "
[24.Rxf7? -0.46/24 24.Qh3-h5 2.58 Qd1+ 25.Rf1 Qxe2]
24...0-0-0?! Too passive. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Too passive."
[24...Rh7? 3.96/23 24...0-0-0 2.06 25.Bxg5 Bxg5 26.Qxg5 And now Qg5-g8+ would win. Qc2? 7.73/24 *(26...Kd7 3.93/21 27.Ng4 Kc6)* 27.Ng4+- The endgame is bad in itself, but to play such an ending against Adams makes absolutely no sense. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva, Nadezhda: 'The endgame is bad in itself, but to play such an ending against Adams makes absolutely no

sense."]

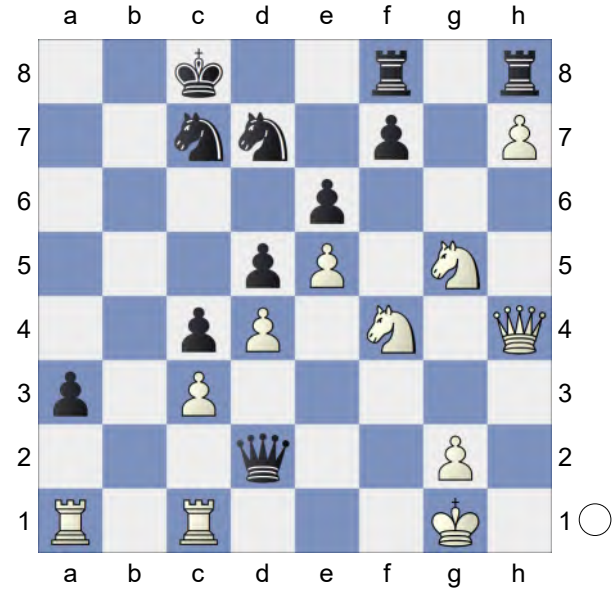
25.Bxg5 0.64/21

[Don't do 25.Rxf7 Rdf8 26.Nf1 *(26.Rxe7? Qd1+-+)* 26...Qd1±]

[25.Nf3+- 2.02/22 g4 26.Qxg4]

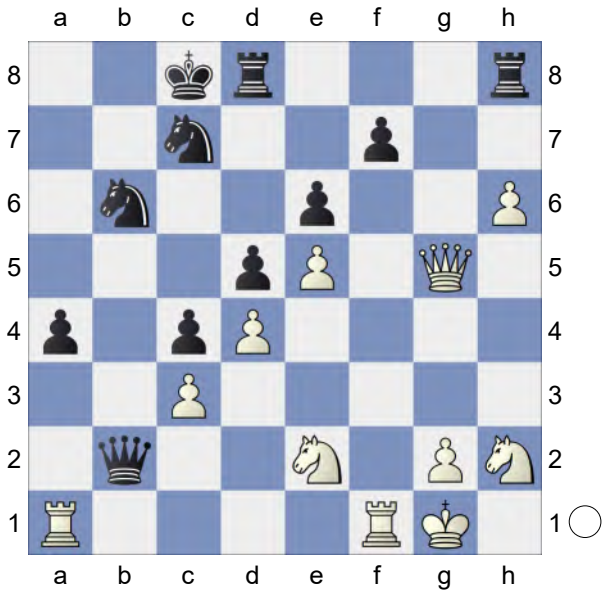
25...Bxg5± 26.Qxg5 Qxb2

[26...Qc2 27.Nf4 0.36/21 *(*White should play *27.Rae1±* 0.97/21 *)* 27...Qxb2± 28.Rfc1 Tadic,Branko: '#''# Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Tadic, Branko: '#''' . Ra1-b1 would now be deadly. Rdg8 29.Qh4 Black must now prevent Nh2-f3. Nd7! 30.Nf3!+- Threatening Nf3-g5! Again, no chance here for Black. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Again, no chance here for Black.'' a3? 1.64/21 *(30...Nf8!=* 0.01/23 and Black is okay. *31.Rab1 Qa2)* 31.Ng5+- 0.01/23 *(31.Rab1+-* 1.64/21 *Qa2 32.Qh5)* 31...Rf8 0.64/20 *(31...Nf8!=* 0.01/23 *32.Qh5 Ng6)* 32.h7 0.27/22 *(32.Qh3±* 0.64/20 *)* 32...Qd2? 2.61/23 *(32...f6!=* 0.27/22 and Black has nothing to worry. *33.exf6 Rxf6)*



33.Qf2!]

(Diagram)



27.Qe3 The game is coming to an end. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'The game is coming to an end.'' **27...Qc2 28.Rxf7** Now Black loses by force. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva, Nadezhda: 'Now Black loses by force.''

[28.Ng4]

28...Qd3 1.52/24 Black is weak on the dark squares

[28...Rdg8!± 0.65/22]

29.Qxd3± cxd3 30.Nf4↑ White is really pushing. A very strong last trick! Tadic, Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'A very strong last trick!'' **30...Rxh6 31.Nxd3** The threat on a8 is deadly. Tadic, Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'The threat on a8 is deadly.'' **31...Rdh8 32.Nf1** White is much more active.

32...Nb5? 5.17/24

[32...Kb7]

[32...Rh1+± 1.09/24 is more resistant. 33.Kf2 Kb7 *(33...Nb5? 34.Rb1+-)* 34.Nc5+ Kc6]

33.Rb1+- Tadic,Branko: '!' '!''Kosintseva, Nadezhda: 'Tadic,Branko: '!''' . White is clearly winning. After 33....cxd5 34. ♕xg8 White wins. Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva, Nadezhda: 'After 33....cxd5 34. ♕xg8

White wins.'' **33...Rh1+** Tadic,Branko Tadic,Branko: 'Kosintseva,Nadezhda: 'Tadic,Branko'' **34.Kf2 Nxc3 35.Rxb6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.49
1-0

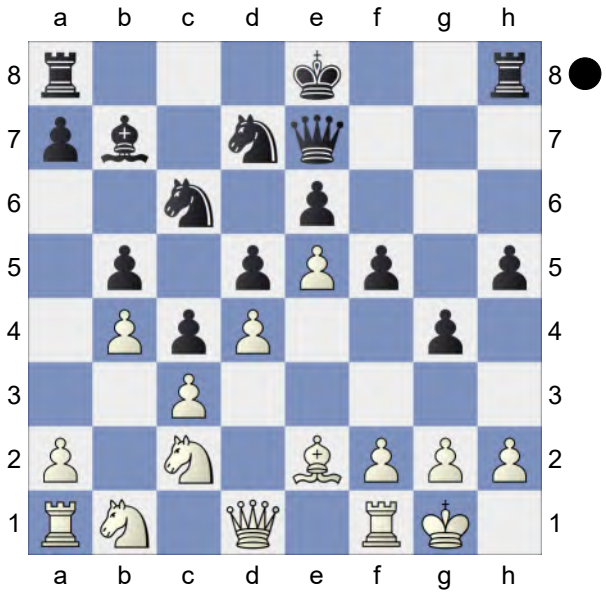
C06

□ **Schleupner,Kurt** **2584**
■ **9.Qd2 Nd7 10.Bf2 Nf5** **2648**
FIDE GP+ Dubai rapid 11.05.2020
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.c3 c5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 g5 9.Nb1 g4 10.Ne1 h5N**
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxg4 Nc6 13.Qg7 Rf8 14.Nf3 *(14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Nf3 f6 16.Bxh7 fxe5 17.Bh6 Kd8 18.Qg6 Rf6 19.Qg8+ Kc7 20.Be3 Bc5 21.Nc3 Bxe3 22.fxe3 Qxe3+ 23.Kh1 a6 24.Qxe6 Qxc3 25.Qxd7+ Bxd7 26.bxc3 Raf8 27.Kg1 b5 28.Rad1 e4* 0-1 Raja,H (2472)-Martirosyan,H (2630) Aeroflot Open A 2020 (3.25)) 14...Nc5 15.Qxh7 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Bd7 17.Nc3 Other Rd Moves 2023]
11.Nc2 White is slightly better. **11...c4 12.Be2 f5 13.b3 b5 14.Ba3 Bb7 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.b4** -0.98/20
[16.bxc4= 0.16/18 bxc4 *(16...dxc4 17.a4±)* 17.Nba3]

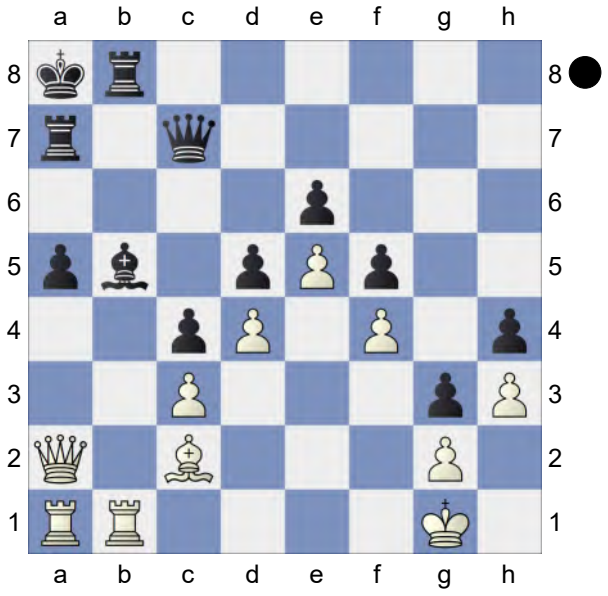
(Diagram)

16...a5 0.28/22
[16...Nb6!∓ -0.98/20]
17.a4 -0.18/21



[17.Nba3 0.28/22 should be considered.]
17...bxa4!=
[Much weaker is 17...axb4?! 18.axb5 Na7 *(18...Rxa1 19.bxc6 Bxc6 20.Nxa1±)* 19.Nxb4±]
18.b5 -0.79/21
[18.Qd2= -0.25/20 keeps the balance.]
18...Na7∓ 19.Nba3 Nb6 20.Qc1 Bc8 -0.45/18
[20...Kd8∓ -0.91/21]
21.f4 -1.23/21
[Better is 21.Qf4∓ -0.45/18]
21...Bd7 22.Rb1 0-0-0 23.Ne3 Kb8 -0.01/22
[23...h4∓ -1.21/20 Threatening ...Kc8-b7. 24.Qb2 Kb8 25.Bxc4 h3 *(25...Nxc4 26.Nexc4 dxc4 27.Nxc4∓)*]
24.Bd1 -1.34/21
[24.Bxc4!= -0.01/22 dxc4 25.Nexc4]
24...Rc8 25.Bc2 h4 -0.71/21
[⌓25...Kc7 -1.29/20 26.Rf2 Rb8]
26.Qb2 -1.40/20
[⌓26.Ra1 -0.71/21]
26...g3 -1.04/23
[⌓26...Ka8 -1.40/20 27.Ra1 Rb8]

27.h3 Rc7 28.Qa2 Ka8 29.Nd1 Rb8 30.Nb2 Nxb5
[30...Bxb5 feels hotter. 31.Nxb5 Nxb5 32.Nxa4 Nd7]
31.Nxa4? -6.77/26
[31.Nxb5∓ -0.68/27 Bxb5 32.Nxa4 Nxa4 33.Bxa4]
31...Nxa4? -0.01/26
[31...Qxa3-+ -6.77/26 32.Qxa3 Nxa3 33.Nxb6+ Ka7 34.Nxd7 Rxb1 *(34...Rxd7? 35.Ra1-+; 34...Nxb1? 35.Nxb8 Nxc3 36.Re1-+)* 35.Bxb1 Rxd7 36.Bxf5 exf5]
32.Nxb5= Bxb5 33.Bxa4 Rcb7 34.Bc2 Qc7 35.Ra1 Ra7 ...Qc7-e7 is the strong threat. **36.Rfb1**



Bc6 -0.01/27
[Black should try 36...Be8!∓ -1.22/25 37.Rxb8+ Kxb8]
37.Rxb8+ Kxb8 38.Qa3 Rb7
[38...Qe7 simplifies 39.Qxe7 Rxe7 40.Rxa5 Rb7]
39.Kf1 Ka7
[39...Qd8 simplifies 40.Rb1 Rxb1+ 41.Bxb1 Qb6]
40.Qc5+ Ka6 41.Ke1 Rb5 42.Qf8 Rb2 43.Kd1 Qb6 ...Rb2xc2! would now be deadly. **44.Qa3 Rb5 45.Kc1 Qc7** 0.43/25 Dodges Qa3-e7
[45...Rb3= 0.01/26 46.Bxb3 cxb3]
46.Ba4± Rb7 8.37/32
[46...Rb6± 0.33/28]
47.Bxc6+- Deflection **47...Qxc6 48.Qxa5#** What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.44
1-0

C07
□ **Mcshane,Luke J** **2626**
■ **Baidetsky,Valentin** **2471**
Bundesliga 2324 (10.2) 24.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Re1** White has compensation. **8...Nc6 9.Ne4** The modern move. Der moderne Zug.
9...Qb4N 0.56/20
[9...Nxe4= -0.07/19 10.Rxe4 Be7 11.Nxd4 *(11.Bf4 Qc5 12.Bd3 Bf6 13.a3 0-0 14.b4 Qb6 15.Ng5 g6 16.Bd2 Qd8 17.h4 Ne5 18.Nxh7 Kxh7 19.Rxe5 Bxe5 20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.Qxe5 Qxh4 22.Bg5 f6 23.Qxf6 Rxf6 24.Bxh4 Rf5 25.Bxf5 gxf5* 1-0 Safarli,E (2610)-Mitrabha,G (2516) Monsaraz op 2023 (5)*)* 11...e5 *(11...f5 12.Bf4 e5 13.Nxc6 fxe4 14.Qh5+ g6 15.Qxe5 Qxe5 16.Bxe5 Rf8 17.Nxe7 Kxe7 18.Rd1 Rf5 19.Bd6+ Kf6 20.Bd5 Rxd5 21.Rxd5 Be6 22.Rd4 Bxa2 23.Rxe4 Bb1 24.Re2 Rc8 25.Be5+ Kf7 26.c3* 1-0 Levitan,R (2150)-Khairova,E (1401) ISR-chT (Women) 2023 (3.2)*)* 12.Bf4 exf4 13.Nxc6 Qxd1+ 14.Rxd1 bxc6 15.Rde1 Kf8 16.Rxe7 Be6

17.R1xe6 fxe6 18.Rc7 h5 19.Kf1 Rh6 20.Ke2 Rf6 21.Rxc6 Rd8 22.a4 Ke7 23.Ra6 Rd7 24.Bd3 f3+ 25.gxf3 Rf4 ½-½ Efimenko,Z (2546)-Zontakh,A (2519) Alushta Puchko Memorial 2002]

10.b3± White is slightly better. **10...Be7**

11.Bb2N White is more active.

[Vorgänger: 11.Nxd4 0.23/22 11.Bc1-b2 0.91 Nxd4 12.c3 Qb6 13.cxd4 Strongly threatening Ne4xf6+. 0-0 14.Bg5 Nd5 0.87/22 *(14...Qd8± 0.39/21 was preferrable.)* 15.Bxd5!± Bxg5 16.Bxe6 Bxe6 17.Nxg5 1-0 Tessier Desrosiers,O (2077)-Regnier,A (2091) Montreal Mercredi 05 2007 (1)]

11...b5 1.67/22

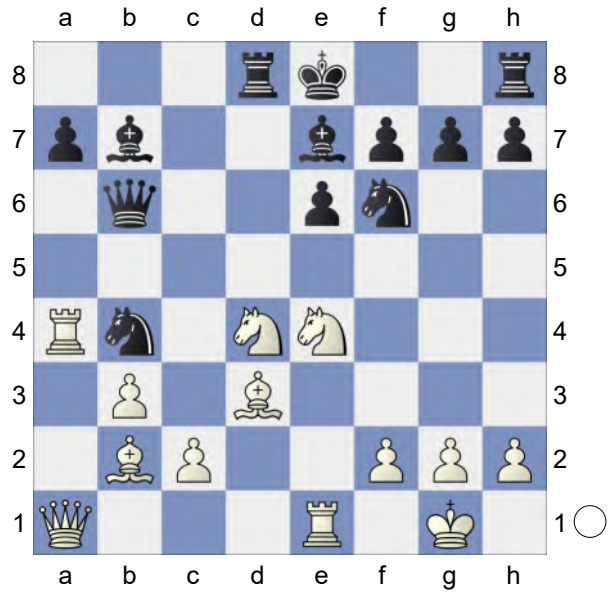
[11...Bd7± 0.97/21 is a better defense.]

12.Bd3!+- And now Nf3xd4! would win.

12...Bb7 13.a4 bxa4 1.98/21

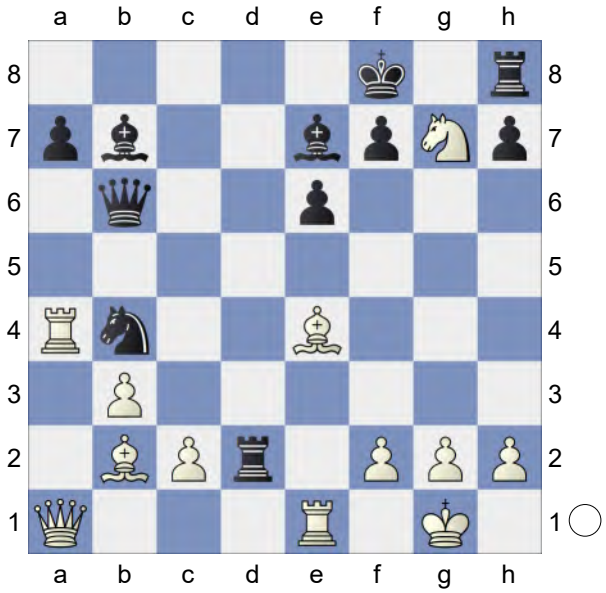
[13...Nxe4± 1.53/23 14.Bxe4 *(14.Rxe4 bxa4 15.Rxa4 Qc5±)* 14...Bf6]

14.Rxa4 Qb6 15.Nxd4 Rd8 16.Qa1 Nd4xc6 is the strong threat. **16...Nb4**

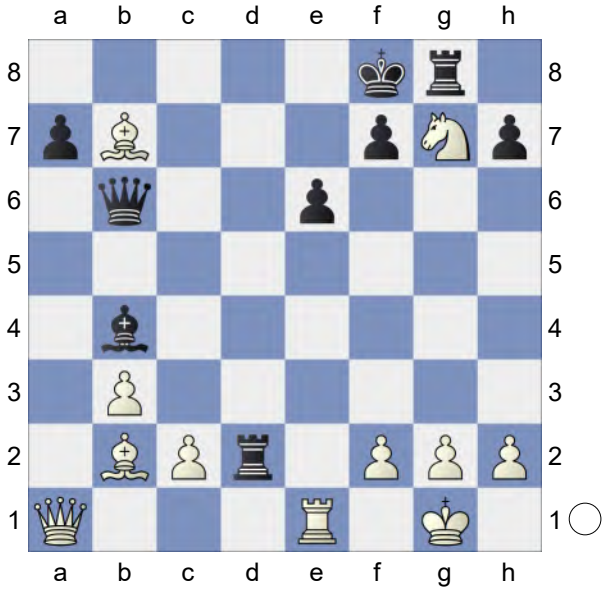


17.Nf5! Nxe4 18.Nxg7+ Kf8 19.Bxe4 Rd2 3.41/23

[19...Bxe4 2.12/23 keeps fighting. 20.Rxe4 Rg8]



20.Rxb4! Bxb4 21.Bxb7 Hoping for Ng7xe6+! **21...Rg8**

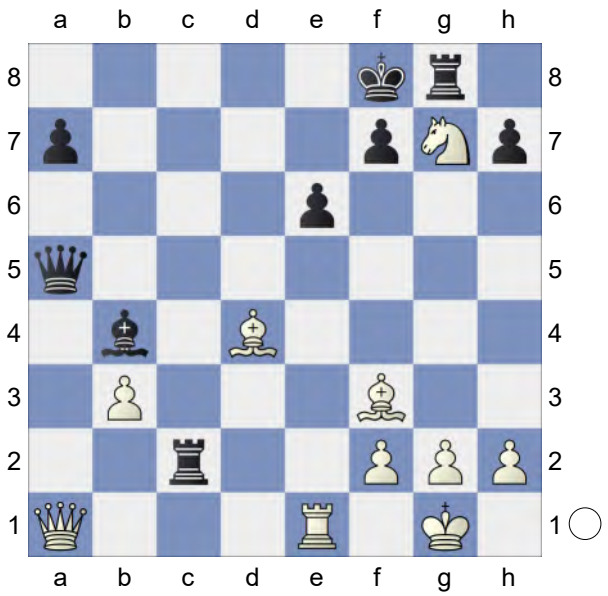


22.Bf3 Rxc2 23.Bd4 Qa5 8.87/25

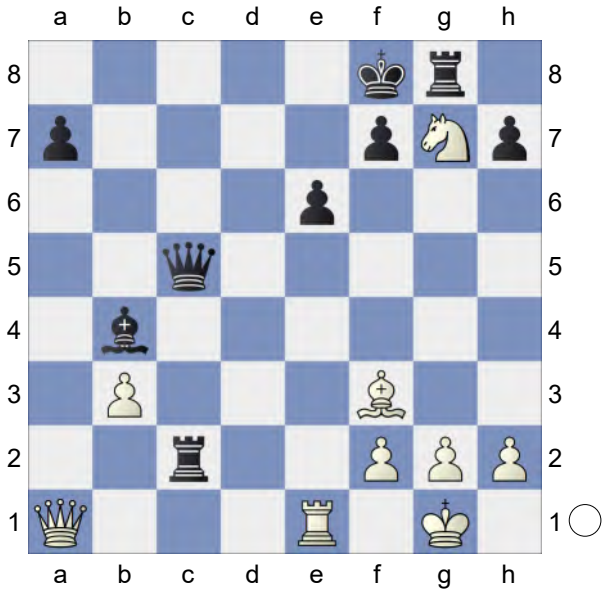
[23...Qd8 3.92/23]

(Diagram)

24.Bc5+! Decoy. White is clearly



winning. **24...Qxc5**



25.Nxe6+! fxe6 26.Qf6+ Ke8 27.Qxe6+ Kd8 28.Qxg8+ Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.38
1-0

C08
□ **Akopian,Vladimir Eduardovic 2675**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime 2804**
World Rapid 2016 (11.18) 28.12.2016
[Roiz,M, Kitty Kat]

C08: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 sidelines Karpov,Anatoly: 'Karpov, An: 'Inf 60/274'' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Ngf3 Nf6 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+** Vladimir doesn't want to challenge one of the leading Najdorf experts in the sharp lines after 7. Nb3. **7...Nbxd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.dxc5 Nxc5** This fashionable position was seen only twice before on our site. **10.Nd4** The main attempt to fight for an opening advantage is connected with taking full control over the d5-spot. **10...Qd7 11.N2f3 0-0** Black prefers to keep both his knights on the board, since the dark-squared bishop has no good prospects. **12.Bf4**
[12.Ne5 Qc8 13.Bf4]
12...Rfe8 13.Re1 Bf8
[13...Nce4 14.Ne5 Qd8 15.Nd3 Rc8 16.c3 Bf8 17.Qb3 Nh5 18.Bg3 Nhxg3 19.hxg3 Qd7 20.Rad1 Rcd8 21.Nf3 Qc8 22.Re2 Nc5 23.Qc2 Rxe2 24.Qxe2 Ne4 25.Qc2 g5 26.Nd4 Bg7 27.Nb4 f5 28.Qd3 Kh8 1-0 Adams,M (2710)-Polgar,J (2705) London Classic 4th 2012 (3)]
14.Ne5 Connecting the rooks and protecting the Pe4. **14...Qd8N**
[14...Qa4 15.c3 Qa6 16.Qe2 Bd6 *(16...Qxe2 17.Rxe2 Bd6 18.Nd7 Bxf4 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.Nxc5 Bc7 21.Nd3 Bb6 22.Nb3 Kf8 23.Rd1 a5 24.Kf1 Rc8 25.Nd2 a4 26.a3 g5 27.Nf3 g4 28.Nh4 d4 29.cxd4 Bxd4 30.Nf5 Bb6 31.Nb4* 1-0 Karpov,A (2740)-Bareev,E (2685) 60/274

Linares 1994*)* 17.Qxa6 bxa6 18.Nf5 Bc7 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006]

15.c3 Qb6 A new move for our PGN Archive. **16.Qc2** The most ambitious try - White is going to double his rooks and put some pressure on the Pd6. **16...g6** 0.27/21 A concrete approach - the pin of Nf3 is quite unpleasant, especially when the knight is heading to d4.

[16...Bd6 -0.18/20 should be considered.]

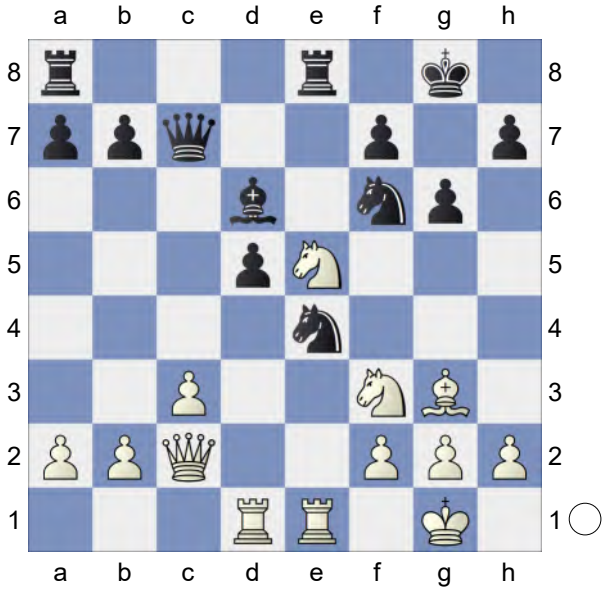
17.Rad1=

[17.Ndf3]

17...Bd6?! An unsuccessful innovation. I guess Vladimir's reply was underestimated by Maxime. **18.Ndf3 Qc7 19.Bg3** -0.55/22

[Better is 19.h3= 0.24/19]

19...Nce4∓



Strongly threatening ...Ne4xg3! **20.Nd3!** All White's pieces are much more active, so White can afford to give up a pawn. **20...Nxg3** This is forced - Black cannot let White push the Nd4 away. **21.hxg3 Re4**

[21...a6]

22.Nd2 Rg4

[22...Re6 0.26/22 22...Re4xe1+ -0.26 23.Rxe6! White would be able to convert the material advantage into a full point: fxe6]

23.Nf1! A little tactic. **23...Qb6** 0.42/22 The only defence.

[23...Re4]

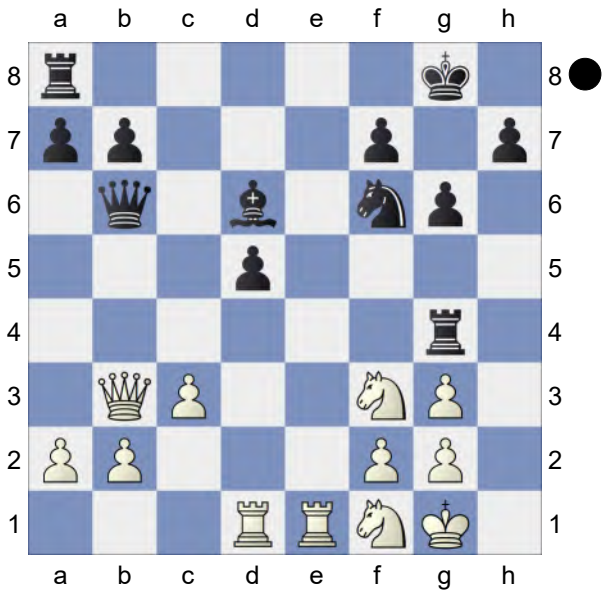
[23...Re4= -0.01/23]

24.Ne5!± Rg5 There was no reason for such drastic measures! **25.Nf3 Rg4 26.Ne5**

[26.Ne3!? Re4 27.Qb3± *(27.Nxd5 Rxe1+ 28.Nxe1 Nxd5=)*]

26...Rg5 27.Nf3⇄ White is fighting back **27...Rg4 28.Qb3**

[28.Ne5 -0.01/28 28.Nf1-e3 0.37 , and Black's counterplay looks promising. However, after]

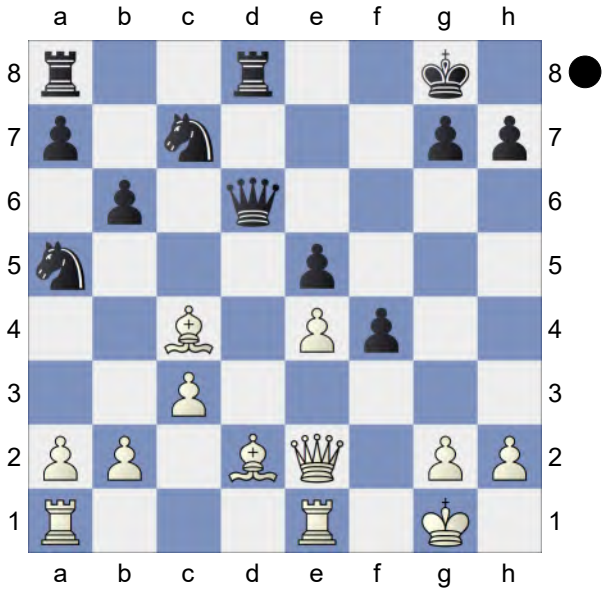


Hoping for Qb3xb6. **28...Bc5** I guess MVL was hoping to build-up a fortress, but... **29.Qxb6!** Alas, White's queen is gonna attack too many pawns. **29...axb6** The best chance. **30.a3 Re4 31.N1d2 Rxe1+ 32.Rxe1 Kf8** Now Black's chances are only connected with some threats on the k-side. **33.Nb3 Ne4 34.Nfd4 Nd6 35.Re5?** Luckily for

Maxime, his experienced opponent doesn't manage to secure his king.
35...Nc4 36.Rxd5 Nxb2
[36...Be7 37.Rb5]
37.Nxc5 The position is equal. **37...bxc5 38.Rxc5 Nd3 39.Rd5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.09 (flawless)
[39.Rd5 would oblige White to force a draw anyway: Rxa3= I guess Vladimir has rejected
A) 40.Nf5!? gxf5 *(40...Ra1+ 41.Kh2=)* 41.Rxd3=;
B) 40.Ne6+ in view of]
½-½

C07
□ **Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter** **2667**
■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2618**
140/99 Magdeburg 2019
[Kitty Kat]

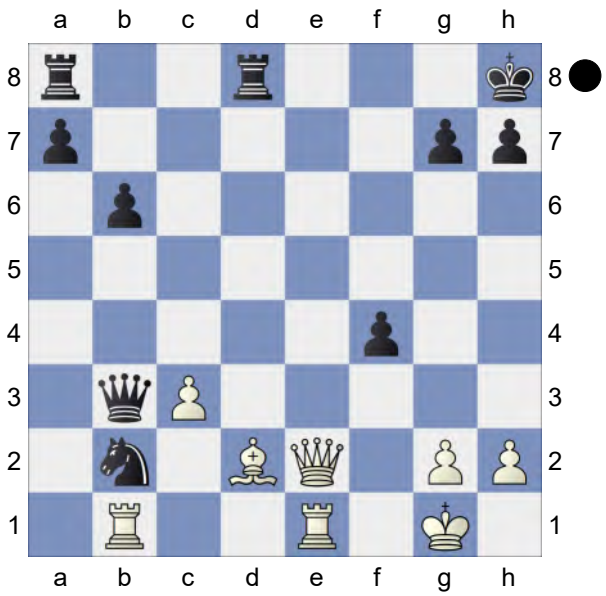
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.c3 Bc5 8.Ne4 Bxd4 9.Qxd4** White has an edge.
[9.Bb5+!? Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Qxd4=]
9...0-0 10.Be2 Nc6N
[10...f5 11.Ng5 Nc6 12.Qh4 h6 13.Nf3 Qxh4 14.Nxh4 e5 15.f4 e4 16.g3 Be6 17.Kf2 a5 18.a4 Nce7 19.Ng2 Rfd8 20.Ne3 Nb6 21.Bb5 Rac8 22.Rd1 Bd7 23.Rd6 Bxb5 24.Rxb6 Bc6 25.Ke2 0-1 Sokolovsky, Y (2415)-Boruchovsky,A (2552) ISR-ch 41st Arad 2022 (3)]
11.Qc5 f5 12.Nd6 Qe7 13.Be3 f4 14.Bd2 Rd8 15.Ne4 Qe8 16.f3 b6↑ Black fights for an advantage. **17.Qf2 e5 18.0-0 Bf5 19.Ba6 Na5** -0.04/22
[19...Bxe4∓ -0.49/20 should be considered. 20.fxe4 Nf6]
20.Rfe1 Qc6 21.Qe2 -2.10/21
[21.Bf1= -0.17/24 and White has nothing to worry.]
21...Bxe4!-+ 22.fxe4
[22.Qxe4 b5 23.Qxe5 Nc4 *(23...Qxa6? 24.b3-+)* 24.Qe6+ Qxe6 25.Rxe6 Nxd2-+]
22...Nc7 23.Bd3 Qd6 24.Bc4+



Kh8 -1.21/22
[Black should try 24...Nxc4!-+ -2.06/24 25.Qxc4+ Qe6]
25.Bd5∓ Nxd5 26.exd5 Qxd5 27.Rad1 Qxa2 28.Qxe5 Nc4 29.Qe6 Qb3
[Not 29...Rxd2 30.Qe8+ Rxe8 31.Rxe8#]
30.Qe2 -2.38/26
[30.Qe4∓ -1.21/25 was necessary.]
30...Nxb2 31.Rb1

(Diagram)

aiming for Bd2-c1! **31...Qc2** -0.97/20
[⌓31...Qa3! -1.51/27 Threatens to win with ...Nb2-d3. 32.Bxf4 Nd3]
32.Bxf4 Qxe2 33.Rxe2 Nc4 -0.28/23



[33...Nd3∓ -0.92/25 34.Be3 Re8]

34.Re4= Rac8 Threatening ...a7-a5. **35.Re7 a5** White should prevent ...a5-a4. **36.Be5! Nxe5 37.Rxe5** Endgame. KRR-KRR **37...Rd6**

[Much less strong is 37...Rxc3 38.Rxb6 Rc1+ 39.Kf2∓]

38.Reb5! The position is equal. **38...Ra8 39.Rxb6 Rxb6 40.Rxb6** KR-KR **40...a4 41.Kf2 a3** White must now prevent ...a3-a2. **42.Rb1 Kg8**

[42...a2!? 43.Ra1□ Ra3=]

43.Ke3 Kf7

[43...a2!? 44.Ra1□ Ra6=]

44.Kd3 Ke6

[44...a2 45.Ra1]

[44...a2!? 45.Ra1□ h5=]

45.Kc2 Rf8 46.Rb6+ Kd5 ...Rf8-f2+ is the strong threat. **47.Kb3 Rf2** And now ...Rf2-b2+ would win. **48.c4+ Kc5** ...Rf2-b2+ would now be deadly. **49.Rb5+ Kc6 50.Kxa3 Rxg2 51.Rh5 h6** White happily takes the draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)

½-½

C07

□ **Kovalev,Vladislav** **2674**

■ **Vocaturo,Daniele** **2615**

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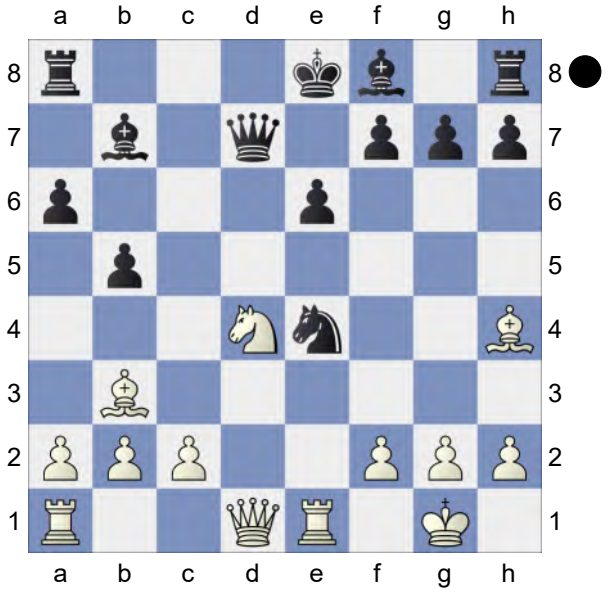
[Jacimovic,Dragoljub, Kitty Kat]

Finally, we shall see the last round game which decided the title of the European Club Champion. Jacimovic, Dragoljub: 'Finally, we shall see the last round game which decided the title of the European Club Champion.' C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4** Jacimovic,Dragoljub **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd7** For the second time during this event Kovalev faces the same variation. Apparently, this setup becomes very popular for Black. Jacimovic,Dragoljub: 'For the second time during this event Kovalev faces the same variation. Apparently, this setup becomes very popular for Black.' **7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 Nf6** The position is equal.

[8...a6 Jacimovic,Dragoljub 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qc7 11.Qe2 Bd6 12.Re1 Ne7 Wards off Nd4-f5 13.Nf3 0-0 14.Bd3 Ng6 15.g3 b5 *(Black can proceed with 15...Bd7* 0.47/20 15...e6-e5 0.01*; or 15...Re8)* 16.Ng5 h6 17.Bxg6 fxg6 18.Nxe6 Bxe6 0.45/21 *(18...Qc6=* 0.07/27 might be stronger. *19.Nxf8 Bh3)* 19.Qxe6+± Kh7 20.Be3 Rae8 0.69/25 White would retain the some advantage after *(20...Bc5!=* 0.25/24)

A) 21.Qb3?! -0.01/22 21.Qe6-d5 0.82 Bc5! 22.Qc3 Bxe3! 23.Rxe3 *(23.Qxc7* -1.51/24 23.Re1xe3 -0.03 *Bxf2+ 24.Kg2 Bxe1∓)* 23...Qxc3 24.Rxc3 Re2 25.Rf1 Rd8 26.a4 Rdd2= Kovalev,Vladislav 2674 -

Goganov,Aleksey 2565, Ulcinj 2019;
B) 21.Qd5± Re5 22.Qd2±]
9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 Dodges Bc4-b5 **11.Re1 b5 12.Bb3 Bb7 13.Bg5**
[13.Bf4 Be7 *(13...Rd8 14.Be5 Be7∞)*
A) 14.Nxe6!? fxe6 15.Rxe6 Nd5 0.48/21 *(15...0-0-0 16.Qe1→; 15...0-0-0!= -0.01/27 16.Qe1 Qd4)* 16.Qh5+± g6 17.Qe5 Rf8! 18.Re1 Intending Bb3xd5 and mate. Rf5! 19.Qh8+ Rf8 20.Qe5 *(20.Rxe7+!? Nxe7 21.Qg7 h2-h4!* is the strong threat. *0-0-0! 22.Qc3+! Nc6 23.Be6 Qxe6 24.Rxe6 Rd1+ 25.Re1 Rxe1+ 26.Qxe1 Rxf4 27.Qe6+ Kc7 28.f3∞)* 20...Rf5!=;
B) 14.c3 Bd5 15.Be5 0-0∞]
13...Ne4 14.Bh4 -1.03/21 Diagram
[14.Bf4 Jacimovic,Dragoljub Bc5 15.c3 With the idea Bf4-e5. 0-0 16.Bc2 Nf6=]
[14.Be3= 0.14/22]



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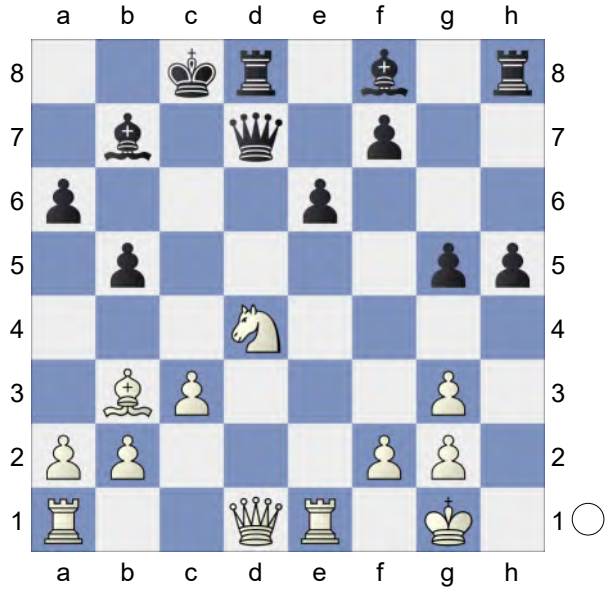
14...g5!∓ 15.Bg3 Nxg3
[15...Bg7? 0.43/21 15...Ne4xg3 -1.12 Kovalev,Vladislav 2523 - Nyzhnyk,Illya 2635, Legnica 2013 (Jacimovic, Dragoljub) Kovalev,Vladislav 2523 - Nyzhnyk,Illya 2635, Legnica 2013 16.c3 0-0 *(16...h5 17.Qc2 Bxd4 18.Rxe4 Bg7 19.Rd1 Qxd1+ 20.Qxd1 Bxe4 21.Qd6 Rd8 22.Qxa6 0-0 23.Qxb5 Bf5 24.Qe2 h4 25.Be5 Rd7 26.h3 Kh7 27.f4 f6 28.Bd4 e5 29.fxe5 fxe5 30.Be3 Kh6 31.Bd1* 1-0 Kovalev,V (2523)-Nyzhnyk,I (2635) 118/82 Legnica 2013*)* 17.Nf3 Qxd1 18.Raxd1 Nxg3 19.hxg3 h6 20.Rd7 Bc6 21.Rd6 Rfc8 22.Ne5 Be8 Mamedov,R (2650)-Wang,H (2717) Huai'an (rapid) 128/(91) 2016]
16.hxg3 -1.30/22
[White should try 16.Nxe6 -0.89/22 fxe6 17.Qg4 h5 18.Qxg3 Rh6 19.Rad1 Qe7 20.Re5 g4 21.Qe3 Kf7 22.Rf5+ Kg8 23.Qf4 Bg7 24.Re1 Re8 25.Kf1 Bc8 26.Ree5 Rf8 27.Rxf8+ Qxf8 28.Rf5 Qd8 29.Ke2 Rf6 30.Qg5 Qf8 31.Rxf6 Qxf6 32.Qxh5 0-1 Engel,L (2547)-

Cheng,B (2572) Bundesliga 2324 2023 (5.4)]

16...0-0-0! 17.c3 h5!→ Even optically Black's attack looks rather dangerous. All the black pieces will be soon attacking the enemy king. Diagram



Jacimovic,Dragoljub: ' →' Jacimovic, Dragoljub: 'Even optically Black's attack looks rather dangerous. All the black pieces will be soon attacking the enemy king.' **18.Re3N** -2.74/21 A new move in already desperate situation. Jacimovic, Dragoljub: 'N?' Jacimovic,Dragoljub: 'A new move in already desperate situation. '. This move loses the game for White.

[18.a4 - 142/(90) Jacimovic,Dragoljub h4! And now ...h4-h3 would win. 19.axb5 axb5 20.Bc2 *(20.Qg4* -1.51/22 20.Bb3-c2 -0.95 Mista, Aleksander 2578 - Edouard,Romain 2620, Le Lamentin 2016 - 128/91*)* 20...hxg3 21.fxg3 Bc5∓]

[18.a4∓ -1.03/22]

18...h4-+ 19.Qg4

[19.gxh4 Jacimovic,Dragoljub gxh4 20.Qg4 Bd6 21.Qh3 Rdg8 22.Nf3 -3.49/23 *(22.Rf3* -2.32/23 keeps fighting. *Rh6 23.Bc2)* 22...Bc5-+ 23.Rd1 Qc7 24.Red3? -6.14/24 *(24.Re5* -3.43/22 *)* 24...Qg3]

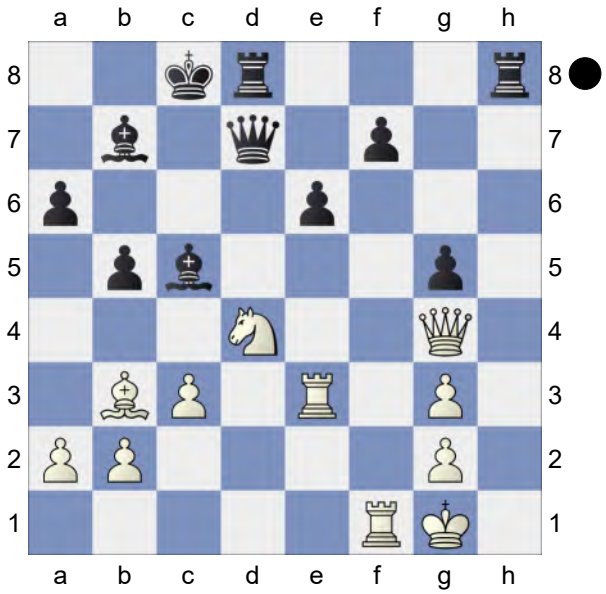
[19.g4 h3 20.gxh3 e5 21.Nf3 aiming for Qd1xd7+. Qc6-+]

19...hxg3 20.fxg3 Bc5→ -1.42/21 Black is out for blood.

[20...Bd6-+ -3.09/21 and Black stays clearly on top. Strongly threatening ... e6-e5. 21.Bc2 Kb8]

21.Rf1 -2.61/22

[21.Qxg5∓ -1.42/21 Qc7 *(21...Bxd4 22.cxd4 Qxd4 23.Rc1+ Kb8 24.Rd1=)* 22.Rd1]



Against e6-e5 **21...Qc6! 22.Re2** Diagram

[22.Qxg5? Qxg2#]

[22.Nxc6? Bxe3+ 23.Rf2 Rd2-+]

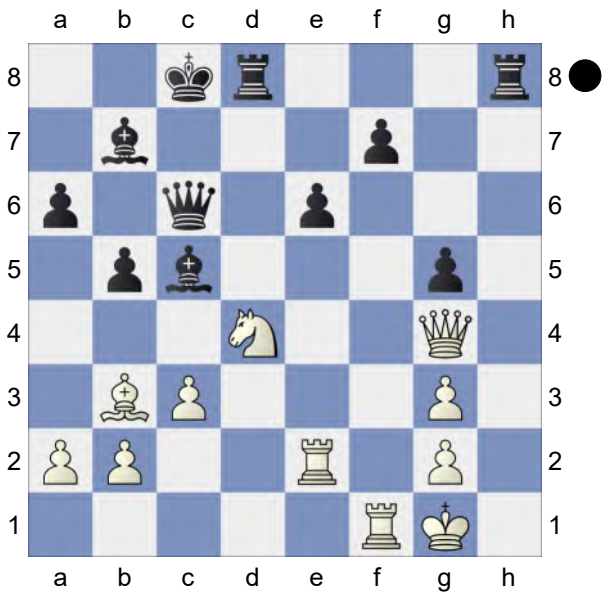
(Diagram)

Jacimovic,Dragoljub: 'Diagram [#]' **22...f5** Jacimovic,Dragoljub: '!'. Deflection

[22...Rh7-+]

23.Qf3 -6.02/26

[23.Bxe6+ -2.86/27 Qxe6 Pin 24.Rxf5 Bxd4+ *(24...Qxa2 25.b4±*



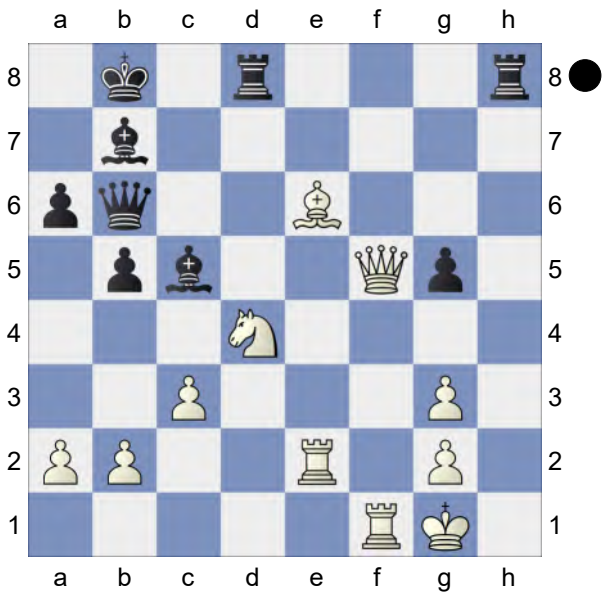
Discovered Attack) 25.cxd4]

23...Qb6 White could have already resigned here. Jacimovic,Dragoljub: '-+' Jacimovic,Dragoljub: 'White could have already resigned here.'. Black is clearly winning.

[Weaker is 23...Bxd4+ 24.cxd4 Qxf3 25.Bxe6+ *(25.gxf3 Rh3=)* 25...Kc7 26.gxf3=]

[23...Rxd4? 24.Qxc6+ Bxc6 25.cxd4 Bxd4+ 26.Rff2-+]

24.Bxe6+ Kb8 25.Qxf5



Rxd4! 26.cxd4 Bxd4+ A strong pair of Bishops. **27.Rff2 Qc6** A very swift and beatiful win by the Italian grandmaster which ruined all the hopes for the Tournament favourites "Alkaloid" to win the prestigious title! Jacimovic, Dragoljub: 'A very swift and beatiful win by the Italian grandmaster which ruined all the hopes for the Tournament favourites "Alkaloid" to win the prestigious title!'. Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/Black=0.12 (very precise)

[Not 27...Bxf2+ 28.Qxf2 Qd6 29.Bh3=]

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C09

□ **Ponomariov,Ruslan** **2699**

■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2737**

134/91 Biel 2017

[Marin,Kitty Kat]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 This is one of the lines examined in my article for CBM 164. **6...Qe7+**

[The other one is 6...cxd4 7.Nxd4 Qe7+ As we see, both are based on an early ...♕e7.]

7.Qe2

[The main alternative is 7.Be2 - 119/85]

7...Qxe2+ 8.Kxe2 a6!? I did not consider this move in my article. I thought it would waste an important tempo, weakening the b6-square at the same time. On the other hand, forcing the exchange on c6 also has some merits, as in the long run it may strengthen the centre. The main danger is allowing White a blockade on c5 and d4.

[8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 (½-½, 53) Vovk,A (2619)-Marin,M (2580) Mamaia 2015 CBM 169 [Marin,M]. The game was played after I wrote the article.]

9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Re1 A logical move, preparing to evacuate the king from the centre and harass the enemy one.

[10.Ne5 has the drawback of not fighting for the essential dark squares. f6!? *(10...Bf5)* 11.Nxc6 c4 12.c3 Bf5⩲ Tomazini,Z (2390)-Sedlak,N (2558) Graz 2015 (1-0, 61), White's knight has obviously got onto a passive path.]

[10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Nb3 Bd6 may eventually transpose to the main game, but play could also take an independent (though similar) course: 12.Be3 Rb8 *(12...Ne7 13.Bc5 Kd7 14.Ng5 Bf4 15.Nxf7 Rf8 16.g3 Rxf7* Navara,D (2725)-Fridman,D (2596) Tallinn (blitz) 2016 (½-½, 37) *)* 13.Rab1 Solozhenkin,E (2464)-Zvjaginsev,V (2660) St Petersburg 2015 (½-½, 26) Nf6 The best square for the knight. This last move explains the point behind the game move. 14.Rhe1 0-0=]

10...f6 A typical move, clearing the f7-square for the king and restricting the enemy minor pieces. **11.dxc5**

[The early king retreat has the drawback of leaving the f3-knight undefended after a future ... ♗g4: 11.Kf1+ Kf7 12.dxc5 Bxc5 *(12...a5?! 13.Nb3 a4 14.Nbd4 Bd7 15.b4 axb3 16.Nxb3⩱* 0-1 (44) Chukavin,K (2096)-Fridman,D (2594) Tallinn 2017*)* 13.Nb3 Bd6 14.Be3 Bg4=]

[11.c4 is the type of move which could create fsome strategic trouble or Black but only if White has enough development, which is not the case yet: Kf7 12.dxc5 *(12.cxd5 cxd5 13.dxc5 a5 14.Kf1 Bxc5 15.Nb3 Bd6 16.Be3 Bg4=)* 12...Bxc5 *(12...a5 13.Kf1 Bxc5=)* 13.Nb3 Bb6 *(13...Bd6 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Be3 Rb8 16.Rac1 Ne7 17.Bc5 Bf4=)* 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Kxe3⩱ Stolwijk,C (2226)-Bodicker,R (2076) Amsterdam 2017 (1-0, 45)]

11...Bxc5 12.Nb3 Bd6 13.Be3

[13.Kf1+ Ne7 14.Be3 Gadimbayli,A (2334)-Yagubi,A (2422) Baku 2016 (1-0, 33) Bg4= *(14...Rb8)*]

White's plan has taken shape already, but the next typical move prevents him from consolidating his control. **13...a5 14.Bc5N**

[14.a4 weakens the squares along the b-file. Ne7 15.Kf1 *(15.Bc5 Kd7=* White cannot increase his domination on the dark squares. In fact he may lose ground soon.*)* 15...Bg4 16.Bc5 Bxc5 17.Nxc5 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Kf7 19.Re6 Ra7 20.Rae1 Rb8= Lu,S (2617)-Gurevich,M (2542) Cappelle la Grande 2016 (0-1, 58)]

14...Kd7 [Δ a4] **15.Bb6** Now that the king has been decoyed to the centre White tries creating concrete threats against it.

[15.Bxd6 Kxd6 16.c4 The only way to set up some problems. dxc4 17.Nbd2 Ba6 18.Ne4+ Kc7 19.Nc5 Ne7 20.Nxa6+ Rxa6 21.Kf1 Nd5 22.Nd2 Rd8 23.Nxc4 Nb6 24.Ne3 Rd2=]

15...Rb8 16.Nc5+ Diagram

[16.Bxa5 Ba6+ 17.Kd2 c5↑]

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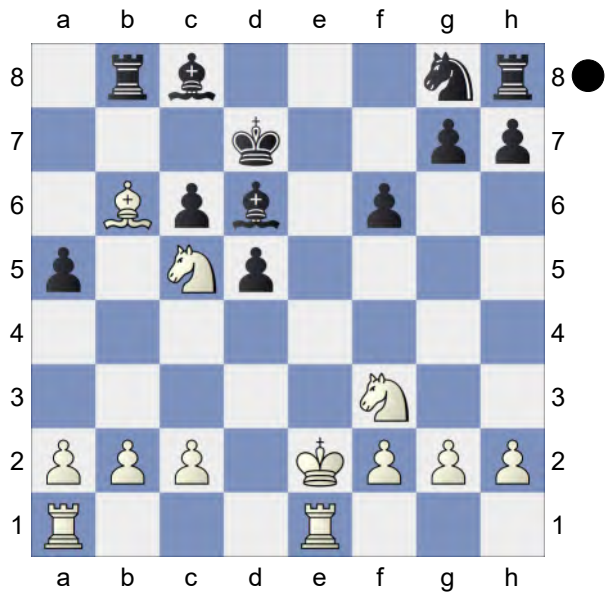

Diagram [#] Diagram [#] **16...Ke8!** Under the changed circumstances the king returns to its previous square.

[16...Bxc5? offers White an attack with opposite coloured bishops. 17.Bxc5 Nh6 18.Nd4 Ba6+ *(18...Rxb2 19.Kd2 Re8 20.Rxe8 Kxe8 21.Re1+ Kf7 22.Re7+ Kg6 23.Rc7 Bf5 24.Bf8±)* 19.Kd2 Rhe8 20.a4± ✕a5]

[16...Ke7! may simply transpose to the game but it makes sense leaving the e7-square available for the knight.]

17.Kd2+ Kf7 18.Na4? White starts losing the thread.

[18.Ba7 Rxb2 19.Nd3 Rb7 20.Bc5 Bxc5 21.Nxc5 Rc7 22.Rab1 Ne7 23.Kc3⩲]

18...Ne7?!

[18...Bg4!∓ 19.Nd4 *(19.Ng1 Bf4+ 20.Be3 Bxh2∓)* 19...Rxb6! 20.Nxb6 Bc5∓]

19.b3 Diagram

[19.Bc5!?]

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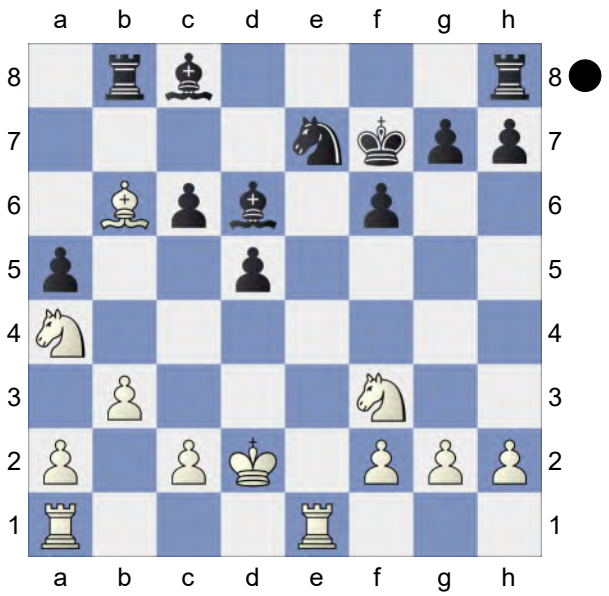

19...Bg4! 20.Ba7

[20.Bc5 Bxc5 21.Nxc5 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Rb5 23.Nd3 Rc8 24.a4 Rbb8 25.Nc5 Rb4∓]

20...Rb7

[20...Rb5 21.Nd4 Nc8!∓]

21.Bc5 Bf4+ Black wins a pawn.

[21...Bxc5 22.Nxc5 Rb5∓ transposes above.]

22.Be3 Bxf3 23.Bxf4

[23.gxf3 Bxh2 24.f4 d4!-+]

23...Bxg2∓ White has finally got the unchallenged control over c5 but this does not offer him compensation for the pawn as his kingside is also weak.

24.Nc5 Ra7 25.Rg1 Bh3 26.Rg3 Bf5 27.Re1 Rd8

[27...Ng6 28.Be3 Re7∓]

28.Rc3 g5 29.Bg3 Diagram

(Diagram)

29...Ng6?! -1.07/23 This offers White some unexpected counterplay.

[29...h5∓]

[29...d4-+ -1.62/25 30.Rc4 Ng6]

30.Na4∓ Diagram

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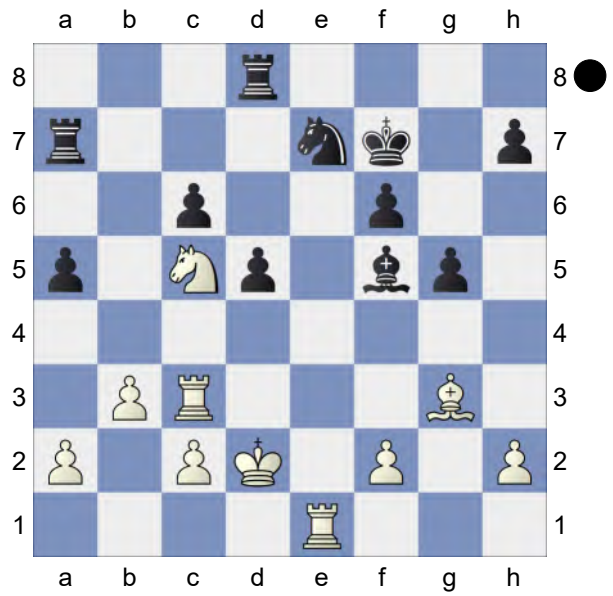
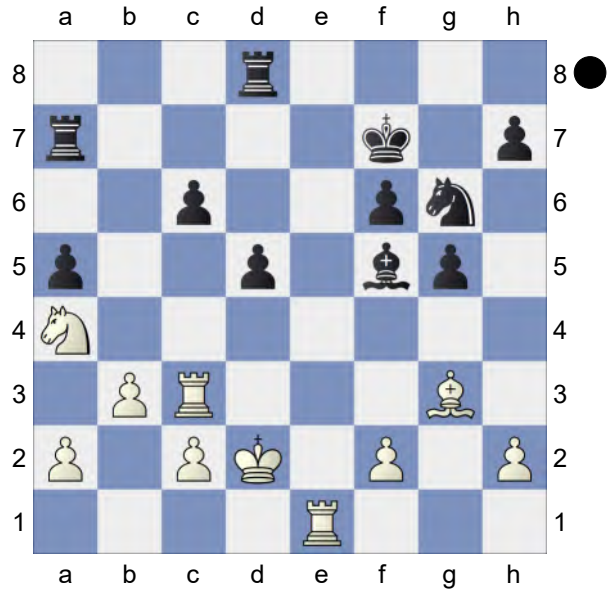
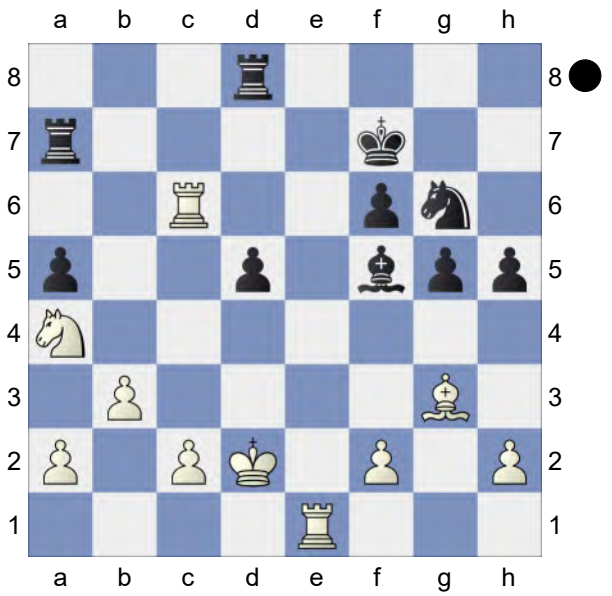




30...h5!?
[30...Rc8 0.28/22 30...h7-h5 -0.97 31.Nb6!]
[30...Bd7!?∓ looks a bit too passive.]
31.Rxc6

(Diagram)

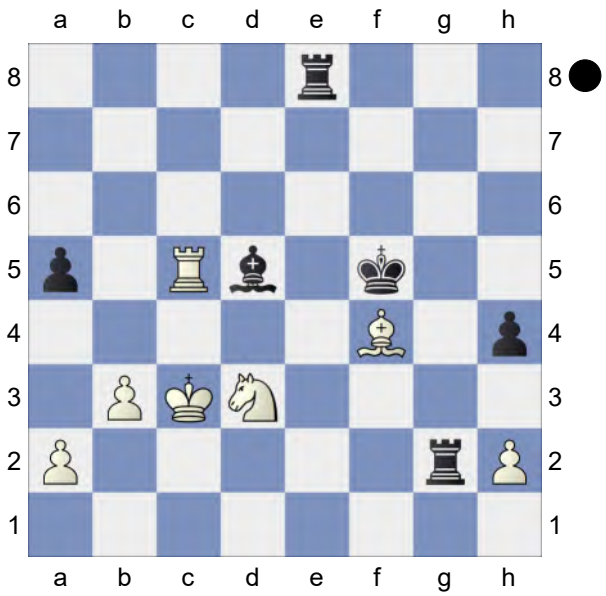
h4! 32.Bd6 Rad7 33.Bc5!
[33.Bc7? Rc8 34.c3 Rcxc7-+ *(34...Rdxc7? 35.Rd6-+)*]
33...Ne5 34.Rxe5! fxe5 35.Nb6 Rb7 36.Be3 Be6 -0.53/23



[36...Rg8 -0.71/22 36...g5-g4 -1.36 37.Nxd5]
[36...g4∓ -1.48/22 aiming for ...Bf5-e6. 37.Bg5 g3 38.fxg3 *(38.Bxd8?* perishes. *gxh2 39.Rf6+ Ke8-+; 38.hxg3 h3∓)* 38...hxg3 39.hxg3 *(39.Bxd8? g2-+)* 39...Rf8]
37.Bxg5∓ Rh8 38.Na4! Rbb8 39.Nc5 Rbe8 40.Nd3
[40.c3!?∓]
40...Kg6! 41.f4
[41.Bd8! Kf5 42.Bxa5 Rh7 43.a4∓]
41...exf4! 42.Bxf4 Kf5 43.c4 -1.88/24
[43.Bc7∓ -0.88/19 was worth a try.]
43...Rhg8-+ Black starts a very dangerous attack an exchange up and with opposite coloured bishops. **44.cxd5 Bxd5 45.Rc5 Rg2+ 46.Kc3**

(Diagram)

Ke4! 47.Rc7
[47.Rxa5 Rc8+ 48.Kb4 Kxd3 -1.56/22 *(*Black should try *48...Bc6-+* -1.98/22 *49.Ne1 Kxf4 50.Nxg2+ Bxg2)* 49.Rxd5+∓ Ke4-+]
47...Rxa2-+ 48.Bd6 Be6 49.Rh7 Kd5 50.Bc7 Bf5 51.Rxh4 Re3 52.Rd4+



Kc6 53.Bg3 a4 54.Rd6+ Kb7 55.Rd5 -3.59/22
[⌓55.bxa4 -2.18/20 Bxd3 *(55...Ra3+? 56.Kc4-+)* 56.Kd4]
55...Rxd3+ -1.67/23
[⌓55...Bxd3 -3.59/22 56.bxa4 Bf1+ 57.Kb4 Rb2+ 58.Kc5 Rc3+ 59.Kd6 Ka6]
56.Rxd3-+ Bxd3 57.Kxd3? -10.32/28
[57.bxa4 -1.61/25 Bg6 58.Kb4]
57...a3
[Not 57...axb3 58.Kc3=]
58.Be5 Rg2
[58...Rg2 White must now prevent ... a3-a2. 59.Kc4 a2 60.b4 Rg1-+]
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C07

□ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2666**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2747**
Wch Blitz Doha (1) 29.12.2016
[Illingworth,Max, Kitty Kat]

In this game I'll take the opportunity to cover several QGA sidelines. C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd7** I always assumed this was just worse than 6...a6, but my latest check hasn't brought up a clear route to an advantage for White. Particularly against players wanting to go for a risk-free edge with 6...a6 7.dxc5 or 7.b3, this could be a way to play for the win. **7.0-0** The vast majority play this or 7.Qe2, claiming the knight's placement on c6 makes it a lot harder for Black to get out of the way of the d5 break (as often happens in the ...a6 lines with ...b5/ ... Bb7/...Nbd7). White has compensation. **7...Nc6** While in theory Black would prefer 7...b5 in to 7...Nc6, it remains an idea and White struggles to set Black real challenges. **8.Nb3** In this version of the queenless middlegame, both sides placed their queen's knights suboptimally. **8...Nf6** As long-term subscribers may recall, my belief is that ...Bxc5 in reply to dxc5 offers Black slightly more winning chances than the ...Qxd1 lines - but both are acceptable. White has an edge. **9.Qe2 a6** At first I thought this might be less accurate, but I played out some sequences and found White's attempts to take the initiative didn't create long-term problems for Black. **10.a4 Be7** 0.42/21
[10...Bd6= 0.00/24 11.Rd1 Qe7 *(11...0-0 12.Nbxd4 e5 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Bg5 Bc7 15.h3 e4 16.Nd2 h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Qxe4 Qxb2 19.Bd5 Qe5 20.Qxe5 Bxe5 21.Rab1 Rb8 22.Nc4 Bc7 23.Bf3 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Ne3 Be6 26.Nd5* ½-½ Lagunow,R (2389)-Gavrilescu,D (2473) 145/91 Hamburgo 2020*)*
12.Nbxd4 Nxd4 13.Rxd4 e5 14.Rxd6 Qxd6 15.b3 e4 16.Ba3 Qf4 17.Rd1

Be6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Qc4 Kf7 20.h4 Rhd8 21.Re1 h6 22.Nd4 Rd5 23.Qb4 Re8 24.Qxb7+ Rd7 25.Qb4 a5 ½-½ Arizmendi Martinez,J (2507)-Gharamian,T (2643) Cappelle op 32nd 2016 (8)]

11.Rd1± Qc7 12.Nbxd4 Bd7N Both sides have developed naturally, and the position is equal.

[12...0-0 13.c3 Bd7 14.Bg5 Rad8 15.Bb3 Rfe8 16.Bc2 g6 17.h4 Ng4 18.g3 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Bc6 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.dxe5 Qb4 23.b3 Qc3 24.Rab1 Rd5 25.Rxd5 Bxd5 26.Rd1 Rc8 27.Rd2 0-1 Peglau,S (2395)-6. ♕xd4 exd5 7.--- (2617) FRA-ch Prelim Gr-B playoff rapid 1999 (3.15)]

13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Ne5 Bd5 0.73/21

[14...0-0]

[14...0-0= 0.23/19 keeps the balance.]

15.Bxd5± Nxd5? 2.06/23 Only here does Black lose the thread and miss a tactic.

[15...exd5± 0.88/24 was necessary. 16.Bf4 Qd8]

16.c4!+- Nf6 17.Bf4 Qc8 18.g4 h6 19.h4 0-0 3.31/19

[19...h5 20.g5 Ng4 21.Nd7]

[19...g5 2.30/20 keeps fighting.]

20.g5 hxg5 21.hxg5 Nh7 22.Qh5 Bxg5

[22...g6 5.43/21 22...Be7xg5 3.48 23.Nxg6 fxg6 24.Qxg6+= Kh8 25.Be5+=]

23.Bxg5 Nxg5 24.Rd7 White is winning in any case, although

[24.Qxg5? -0.12/23 24.Rd1-d7 3.35 is the whole point. f6= completes development for full equality.]

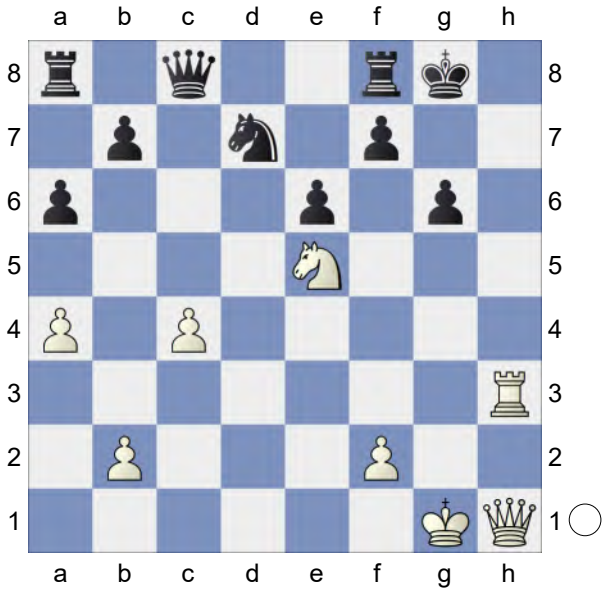
[24.Qxg5 f6 25.Qg4 fxe5∓]

24...Ne4 White must now prevent ...Ne4-f6. **25.Ra3**

[25.Rxf7 Qd8 26.Re1 *(26.Rxb7 Qd4=)* 26...Qg5+ 27.Qxg5 Nxg5 28.Rxb7 Rad8±]

25...Nf6 26.Qh4 White threatens Ra3-h3! and mate.

[26.Qh1 Intending Ra3-h3! and mate. Nxd7+- *(26...Qxd7 27.Nxd7 Nxd7 28.Rh3 f5 29.Rh8+ Kf7 30.Rxf8+ Rxf8± 31.Qxb7)* 27.Rh3! g6



28.Rh7!]

26...Qxd7

[26...Nxd7+- #2/15 26...Qc8xd7 3.73 27.Rh3!]

[26...Nxd7

(Diagram)

27.Rh3! Nxe5 28.Qh8#]

27.Nxd7 Nxd7 28.Rh3 f6 29.Qe4 Rfe8 30.Qxb7

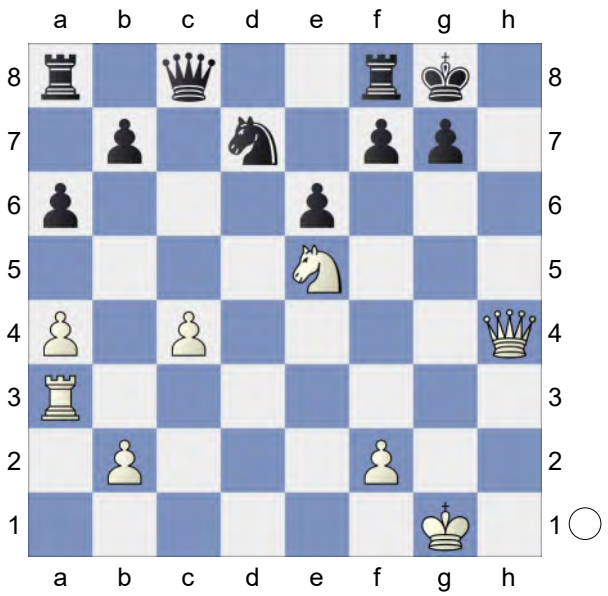
[30.Qh7+ Kf7 31.Qh5+ Ke7+-]

30...Nc5 31.Qh1 Kf7 32.Rh7 White wants to mate with Qh1-h5+.

32...f5 33.Qc6

[33.Qh5+ Kf6 34.Qh4+ Kg6 35.Qh5+ Kf6±]

33...Rac8 Wards off Qc6-c7+ **34.Qd6**



Hoping for b2-b4. **34...Kg8 35.Qh2 Kf7 36.Qe5** Prevents Nc5-e4.
[36.Qh5+ Kf6±]
36...Rg8 37.Rh3 Nd7 38.Qd4 Nc5 39.Qe5
[39.b4 Rgd8 40.Qh4 Ne4±]
39...Nd7 40.Qd4 Nc5 41.Rg3 aiming for b2-b4.
[41.b4 Rgd8 42.Qh4 Ne4+-]
41...a5 42.Kg2 g5 43.Rh3 Prevents Rg8-d8. **43...Kg6** Dodges Rh3-h6+ **44.Qd6 f4?** 3.60/22
[44...Rgd8 1.98/19 might work better. 45.Qb6 Rd4]
45.Qd1 g4 46.Rh4 Threatens to win with Qd1-d4!
[46.Qxg4+? perishes. Kf7 47.Rh7+ Kf8-+]
46...f3+ 47.Kg3? 0.46/19
[47.Kf1+- 3.19/24 Kf5 48.Qb1+ Kf6 49.Rh6+ Kf7 50.Qc1]
47...Ne4+!± 48.Kf4! Nf6 49.Kg3 0.00/40
[White should try 49.Qd4± 0.53/25 e5+ 50.Qxe5 *(50.Kxe5 Rge8+ 51.Kf4 Re4+ 52.Qxe4+ Nxe4-+)* 50...Rxc4+ 51.Kg3]
49...Kf5= (→ ...Nf6-e4+). The position is equal. **50.Qd4** Really sharp! **50...e5** Repels Qd4-f4+ **51.Qd3+** Conclusion: The Black sidelines we considered are quite playable for him. Both the accelerated ...a6/ ...b5 and 6...Nc6 setups could suit for open tournaments where it may be necessary to play for a win with the Black pieces. On the other hand, White's Qe2 setups in the main line are pretty innocuous if Black remembers a couple of finesses. **51...Kg5** And now ...Rc8-d8 would win. **52.Qe3+ Kf5** was the most clinical. **53.Qd3+ Kg5** ...Rc8-d8 would now be deadly. **54.Qe3+ Kf5 55.Qd3+** Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) / Black=0.20 (precise) . Loss on time!? **1-0**

C10

□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2851**
■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2763**
Norway Chess 4th (1) 19.04.2016
[Krasenkow,Michal, Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.g3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Bg2** A very logical line: White provokes ...c7-c5 so that the position opens up, and then obtains the advantage of the bishop pair. **7...e5! 8.Qe2**
[8.Ne2 exd4 9.Qxd4 Be7 10.Bf4 c6 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.Qe3∓ 1/2 (29) Toth,C (2420)-Sunye Neto,J (2545) Merida 1993 Bd7 13.Bd6 Re8 14.Bxe7= Rxe7 15.Qd2 Qb6]
[8.Nf3 exd4 9.Qxd4!∓ 0-1 (40) Sorin, A (2460)-Zarnicki,P (2515) Villa Gesell 1998 CBM 064 [Avrukh,B] Be7

A) 10.Bf4 c6 11.Qxd8+!? Bxd8 12.0-0-0 Rh1-e1+ is the strong threat. 0-0 13.Rhe1 *(13.Bd6!? Re8□ 14.Rhe1=)* 13...Bb6 14.Nd4 Bg4 15.f3 1/2 (13) Portisch,L (2630)-Keres,P (2615) Amsterdam 1971 Bd7 , seen in a number of games, is another possibility.;

B) 10.Qxd8+! Bxd8 e.g. 11.0-0 0-0 12.Be3 c6 13.Rfe1 Bb6 14.a4 Re8 15.a5 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 Rxe3 17.fxe3 a6= 0-1 (34) Sebenik,M (2552)-Iordachescu,V (2645) Istanbul 2012]

8...Qxd4 9.Nf3! An unusual move order.

9...Qe4 The position is equal.

[9...Bb4+? 2.26/22 9...Qd4-d5 0.21 10.c3! Bxc3+ 11.Kf1!= ≤Qa4 1/2 (18) Portisch,L (2650)-Seirawan,Y (2555) Mar del Plata 1981. And now ... Bc8-e6! would win. 12.bxc3! e4 13.Nd4 0-0 14.Bg5±]

[9...Qb6 10.Qxe5+ Qe6!? 1.04/22 is a curious idea *(10...Be6= 0.23/22)* 11.0-0± is common but then, besides Black can also play Qxe5!? : 12.Nxe5 Rf1-e1 would now be deadly. Be7 13.Nc6 Bd6 1.75/23 *(13...Bc5± 1.24/24 keeps fighting.)* 14.Re1+ 1.12/21 *(14.Na5+- 1.75/23)* 14...Kd7 2.29/20 - Black should equalise. *(14...Kf8± 1.12/21)* 15.Ne5+ 0.90/23 *(15.Na5+- 2.29/20* and White stays clearly on top. *)* 15...Bxe5± 16.Rxe5]

10.Qxe4

[10.Nxe5? too greedy. Qxg2 11.Rf1 Qe4 *(11...Qxh2? 12.Ng4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Be7 13.Nxh2+-)* 12.Qxe4 Nxe4-+]

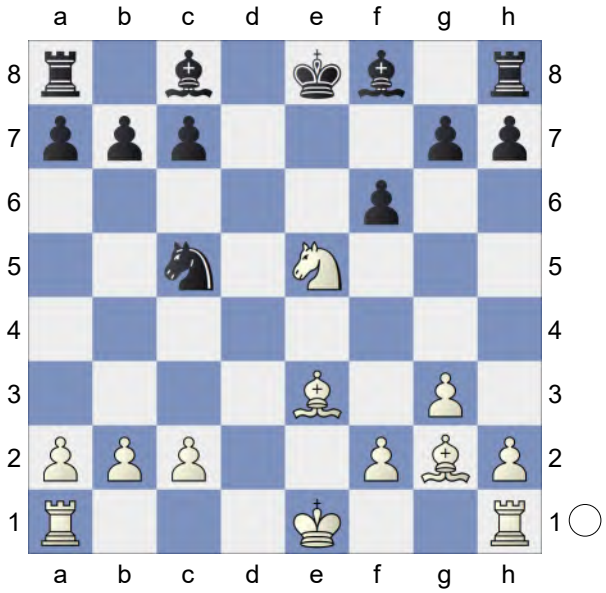
10...Nxe4 11.Nxe5 Nc5 0.87/24

[11...Nd6 12.0-0± Bf5 13.Bf4! 0.01/23 *(13.Nc6± 1.04/22)* 13...0-0-0!= 14.c3↑ Be7 *(14...f6!? 15.Nf3□ Bd7=)* 15.Rad1! Be6 transposes to Sebenik-Iordachescu (see above). Black tries to make use of White's early d4xc5 but the position of his queen on b6 is a serious drawback. 16.Rfe1 Rhe8 17.Nf3 h6]

[11...f5± 0.33/22]

12.Be3! A very unpleasant pin, with a permanent threat of b2-b4. **12...f6**

[12...Be6 1.54/21 12...f7-f6 0.78 13.Bxc5+- 0.65/21 1-0 (35) Belotti,B (2405)-Boog,A (2375) Biel 1992 *(13.0-0-0± 1.54/21)* 13...Bxc5!?± 14.Bxb7 Rb8 15.Bc6+ Ke7! 16.Nd3 0.40/24 *(16.0-0-0!± 0.88/22)* 16...Bd4 17.0-0-0]



13.Nf3N 0.23/22 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.

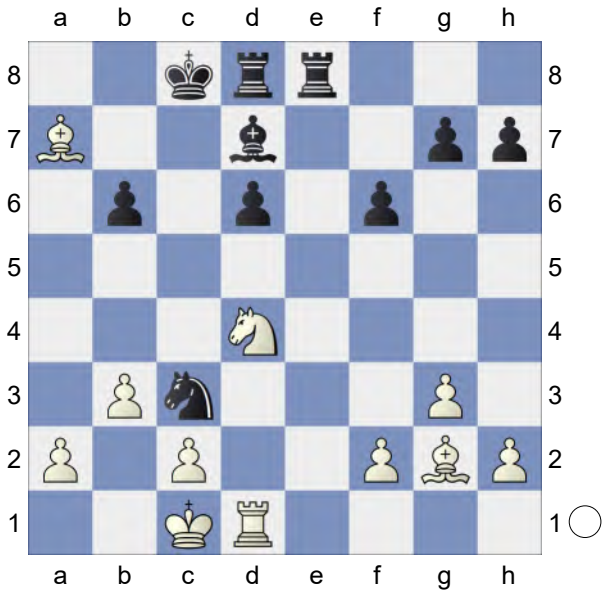
[Better is 13.Nc6!± 0.83/22]

[13.Nc4 Be6 14.Na5 0-0-0 15.b4 Ne4 16.0-0 f5 17.a3 Be7 18.Rad1 Bf6 19.Rd3 a6 20.Rfd1 c6 21.Bb6 Rxd3 22.Rxd3 Nc3 23.Rd6 Bd5 24.Bh3 Be4 25.Nc4 Nd5 26.Bc5 Bxc2 27.Re6 Kd7 ½-½ Svidler,P (2735)-Bareev,E (2709) Amber Rapid Monte Carlo MNC 2005 (5)]

13...Bd7= 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.Rd5 Now in time! **15...Na4** A tactical trick enabling Black to regain the pawn but White keeps a positional advantage.
[15...b6! 16.Rhd1 Bd6 - Black regains the c4-pawn and almost equalises. 17.Nd4?! Rhe8! 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Rxf5 Be5]
16.Rhd1 Bd6
[16...Nb6 17.R5d3 and Black is in a kind of stalemate. *(17.Bxb6 axb6 18.Rxd7* was possible too, but the game continuation is more clear. *≤Rxd7 19.Bh3 Bd6)* 17...Bd6 18.Nd2 aiming for Nd2-e4. Bf5 was relatively better after all. 19.Ne4 Be7]
17.Bxa7 b6 18.Nd4↑ Inhibits Bd7-c6. White has the initiative. **18...Rhe8**
19.Rxd6± White has a queenside pawn advantage, his bishop is strong, and Black's d5-pawn is weak. Black gradually succumbs to White's pressure.
19...cxd6 20.b3! A good idea. White's queenside pawns will be especially strong in the endgame. **20...Nc3** 2.80/24
[20...d5! 21.bxa4 *(21.Bxd5?* -3.32/23 21.b3xa4 0.00 *Nc3)* 21...Kb7 22.Bxb6 Kxb6 23.a5+ Kxa5! 24.Bxd5 Kb6 Hoping for ...Bd7-g4. 25.c4 may be more stubborn.]
[20...d5!= 0.00/23 and Black has nothing to worry.]

(Diagram)

Too passive. **21.Rd3!+- Nb5** 4.27/22
[21...Nxa2+ 2.58/20 is a better defense. 22.Kb1 *(22.Kb2 Kc7+-)* 22...Kc7 *(22...Re5? 23.Bxb6 Nb4 24.Rc3++-)* 23.Kxa2 Re5]
22.Bxb6 Re1+ 23.Kb2 Rde8



[23...Nxd4! 24.Bxd8]
24.Nxb5 Bxb5 25.Rc3+ Kb8
[25...Kd7 26.a4 Rb8 27.Ba7]
26.Bc7+ This pair of bishops is nice.
26...Ka7 27.Bxd6 Threatens to win with Rc3-c7+. **27...R8e6?!** Desperation.
28.Rc7+ White is clearly winning.
28...Kb6
[28...Kb8 White may have technical problems after the queen exchange but he avoids it, using his extra piece for a decisive attack. 29.Re7+ Kc8 30.Rxe6 Rxe6 31.Bh3]
29.Rb7+ Ka6 An unnecessary check.
30.Bc5 Bc6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.43
1-0

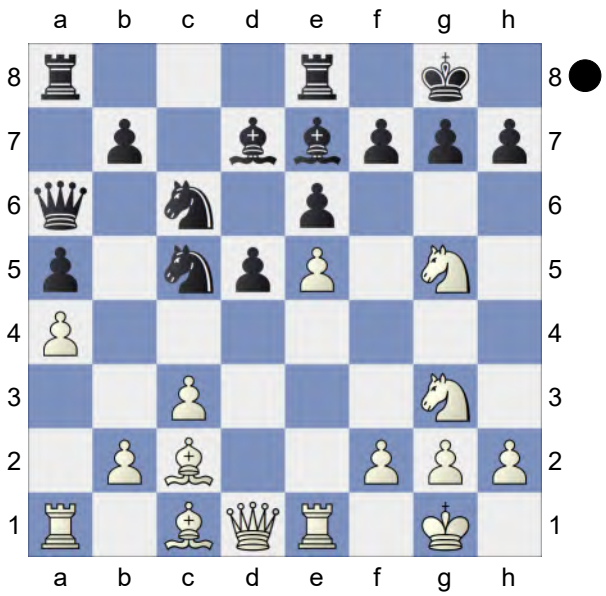
C06
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2617**
■ **Terry,Renato** **2516**
Speed Chess Q1 blitz (8) 10.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7**

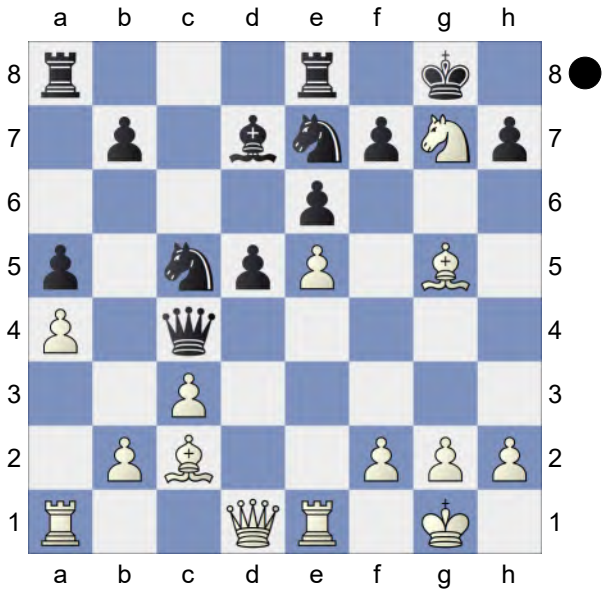
6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.0-0 a5 9.a4! is recently more successful than 9.Re1. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 9.Te1.
9...Qb6 10.dxc5 Nxc5
[10...Qc7 11.Nb3 Nxc5 12.Nxc5 Bxc5 13.Re1 h6 14.Be3 b6 15.Qd2 Ba6 16.Bc2 Rc8 17.h4 Qe7 18.h5 Rd8 19.Rad1 Qc7 20.Bb1 Qe7 21.Qc1 Bc4 22.Qc2 Qc7 23.Bf4 Qe7 24.b3 Ba6 25.Nd4 1-0 So,W (2761)-Terry,R (2520) Armageddon Americas Win blitz 2023 (2)]
11.Bc2 White is better. **11...Bd7**
12.Re1N
[12.Nb3 Nxb3 13.Bxb3 0-0-0 14.Bc2 f6 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Be3 Bc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Qb4 20.b3 Kb8 21.Re1 Rc8 22.Rc1 Rc3 23.Re3 Rhc8 24.Rxc3 Qxc3 25.h3 Be8 26.Kh2 Bg6 0-1 Ruiz Aguilar,P (2161)-Kanakaris,G (2391) Titled Tuesday intern op 31st Jan Late blitz 2023 (1)]
12...Qa6N 1.52/22
[Vorgänger: 12...Rc8 13.Nf1 Ne4 1.48/23 Inhibits Nf1-g3. *(Black should try 13...0-0* 0.98/21 *)* 14.Bxe4± dxe4 15.Rxe4 Re4-g4 is the strong threat. 0-0 16.Rg4 aiming for Bc1-h6! Rfd8 17.Bh6 0.95/20 *(⌓17.Qc2* 1.50/24 *)* 17...g6 2.22/19 0-1 (49) Naroditsky,D (2621)-Andreikin,D (2725) Lichess.org INT 2021 *(17...Bf8±* 0.95/20 *)*]
[12...0-0!± 0.62/22]
13.Nf1± 0-0 2.42/22
[13...Qb6± 1.46/21 14.Rb1 h6]
14.Ng3 Rfe8? 3.49/18
[14...Be8 1.64/18 15.Ng5 g6]
15.Ng5+-

(Diagram)

Qd1-h5 would kill now. **15...Bxg5**



16.Bxg5 Ne7 Black is weak on the dark squares **17.Nh5** White is clearly winning. **17...Qc4** 9.56/20
[⌓17...g6 5.07/21 18.Nf6+ Kg7 19.Nxe8+ Rxe8]
18.Nxg7



Clearance **18...Ng6 19.Nh5** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.60
1-0

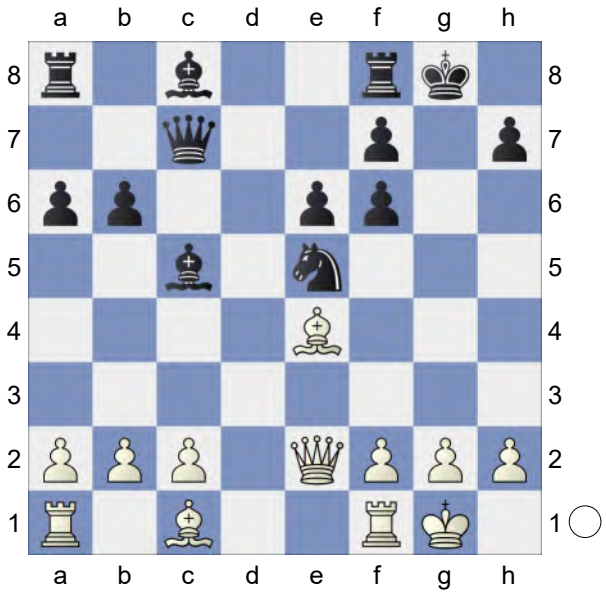
C07

□ **Zherebukh,Y.** **2605**
■ **So,Wesley** **2822**
ch-USA 2017 Saint Louis USA (5.1) 2.4.17
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.dxc5 Bxc5**
[5...Nf6 6.Ngf3 Qxc5 is this month's game Zherebukh-Akobian.]
6.Ngf3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qc6 Other moves are played but this is the most common one. **8.0-0**
[The game Balogh-Le Quang Liem in the Archives gives a survey of the line 8.Qe2 a6 Dodges Bc4-b5 *(8...Nbd7* has been used by top players with fair success *)* 9.0-0 . Overall, as far as I can tell, Black is okay in all lines.]
8...Nbd7 A typical placement for the knight. Some other examples:
[8...0-0 9.Qe2
A) 9...a6
A1) 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.Ne4 b6?! 0.59/21 *(11...Nxe4=* 0.06/19 *12.Bxe4 Qc7)* 12.Ne5!± Nxe5 1.82/20 *(12...Qc7!±* 0.57/21 *13.Bf4 Nd5)* 13.Nxf6++- gxf6 14.Be4 Qc7

(Diagram)

Di Berardino,D (2489)-Lenderman,A (2636) Montevideo 2015 and 15.Qh5! f5 16.Bxa8 would have given a clear advantage;
A2) 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Nb3 Bd6!
A2a) 12.Nbd4 Qc7 13.a5 Nc5 0.00/26 *(13...Re8∓* -0.48/24 *)* 14.h3 -0.43/21 *(14.Nb3=* 0.00/26 *)* 14...e5∓



15.Nb3 Be6 0.12/22 *(15...e4∓* -0.42/20 *16.Nfd4 Ncd7)* 16.Nxc5 Bxc4 17.Qxc4 Black must now prevent Bc1-e3. Bxc5= Nevednichy,V (2547)-Gupta,A (2613) Cappelle la Grande 2016;
A2b) 12.Rd1 Nb6 0.32/21 *(12...Qc7!?* -Psakhis*; 12...Qc7=* -0.17/23 might be stronger. *)* 13.Bd3± Nbd5 14.Na5! Qc7 15.Nc4 Nc4xd6 would now be deadly. Be7 16.a5± Adams,M (2752)-Borovikov,V (2570), Kallithea 2002. Bd7 17.Nce5 Nb4 18.Nxd7 Nxd7 19.Bc4 Bf6 20.g3 Ne5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.c3 Nc6 23.Re1 Bf6 24.Qh5 e5 25.Qf5 Be7 26.Bh6 Rad8 27.Ba2 Rd6 28.Be3 Qxa5 29.h4 Qc7 30.Rad1 g6 31.Qf3 ½-½ Adams,M (2716)-Ivanchuk,V (2714) 75/133 Linares 1999;
B) 9...Qc7 10.Ne4 Be7 11.Bg5 Nbd7 12.Rad1 Re8 13.Bd3 Nd5

14.g3 Bxg5 15.Nexg5 h6 16.Ne4 N7f6 17.Nxf6+ Nxf6 18.Qe5 Qe7 19.Bb5 Rd8 20.Nh4 Bd7 21.Nf5 Qf8 22.Bxd7 Nxd7 23.Qc7 Rac8 24.Qxb7 ½-½ Sychev,K (2543)-Galaktionov,A (2341) RUS-chT 31th 2024 (9.20);

C) 9...Nbd7 10.Nb3

C1) 10...a6 0.70/22 10...Bc5-d6 0.00 11.Bg5 -0.20/23 *(11.Nxc5± 0.70/22 Nxc5 12.a4)* 11...Bd6= 12.Rfe1 Qc7 13.Rad1 Kh8 14.c3 b5 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.Nbd4 Nc5= Greenidge, K-Montanez,R, Merida 2001;

C2) 10...Bd6= 0.03/21;

C3) 10...b6 0.40/20 11.Nxc5± Qxc5 was a somewhat different approach (no ...a6) in a game by 2700+ players: 12.b3 *(12.Be3 Qc7 13.Rad1 Bb7=* Tiviakov,S (2686)-Malakhatko,V (2633) Ajaccio 2008*)* 12...Bb7 13.Bb2 Rac8 14.Rfe1 *(14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Qxe5 Qxe5 16.Bxe5 Bd5 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.c3 Rfe8 19.Bd4 Re2 20.Rfe1 Rce8 21.Kf1 Rc2 22.Rxe8+ Nxe8 23.Ke1 Nd6 24.Kd1 Rb2 25.c4 Nxc4 26.Bxb2* 1-0 Bok,B (2453)-Berelovich,M (2574) Schachbundesliga 2010-11 (4)*)* 14...Rfd8 15.a4

C3a) about equal. The computer notices 15...Nh5!?, since 16.g3? -0.80/20 *(16.Ne5± 0.41/20* stays ahead. *Nxe5 17.Bxe5)*

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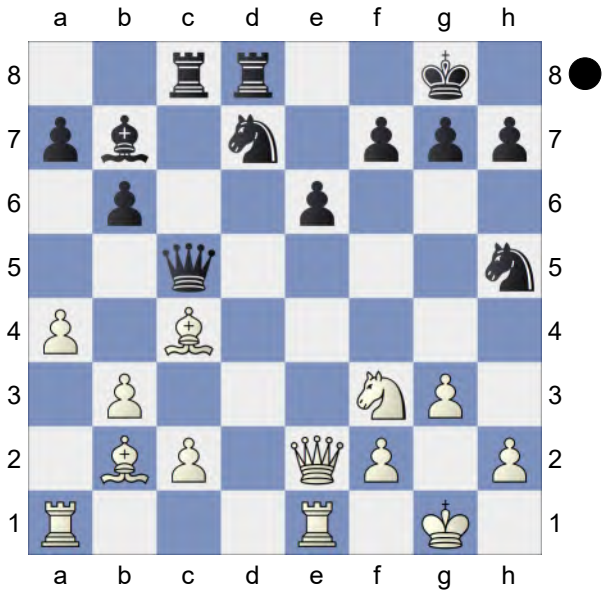
16...Qc6! is strong;

C3b) 15...h6 16.h3 Qf5=



Wang,H (2738)-Le,Q (2703), Zaozhuang 2012]

[8...Qc7 0.42/22 8...Nb8-d7 0.00 9.Qe2 Nc6 puts Black's knight on a more traditional square. White exploited a slight space advantage after 10.Ne4 Be7 11.Rd1 *(11.b3 0-0 12.Bb2±)* 11...h6 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Qe4! Ne5 1.19/21 *(13...0-0? 1.31/21* 13...g7-g5 0.52 *14.Bd3 Rd8 15.Bf4 e5 16.Qh7+ Kf8 17.Be3±; 13...g5±* 0.64/21 *)* 14.Bb5+!± Bd7 15.Nxe5!? 0.33/22 *(*missing *15.Rxd7! Nxd7 16.Bf4 Qb6 17.Qb4!* with attack, e.g.,. aiming for Ra1-d1. *0-0-0 18.a4! e5 19.Be3 Qe6 20.Bxa7±; 15.Qxe5±* 1.11/27 *Bxe5 16.Rxd7)* 15...Bxb5± 16.Bf4± Naiditsch,A (2689)-Hou,Y (2588), Khanty-Mansiysk 2009]

9.Qe2 a6N

[9...0-0 is less committal, since ...b6 can follow without ...a6. Then 10.Nb3 b6 transposes to the previous note.]

10.a4 -0.13/22

[10.Nb3± 0.31/21]

10...b6 0.40/21

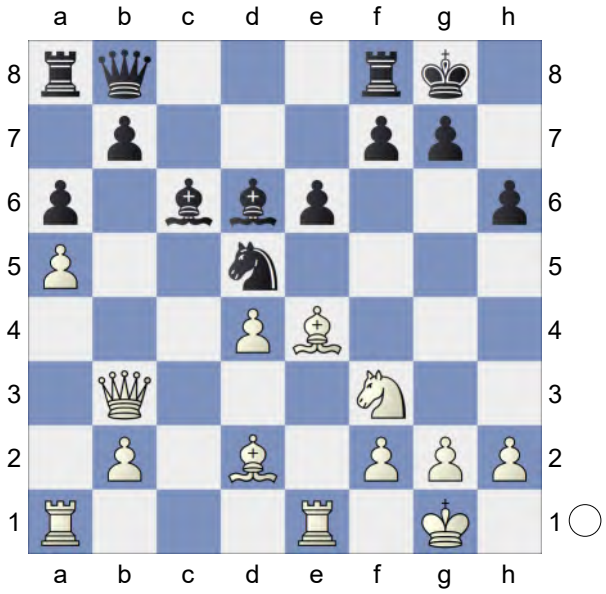
[Black should try 10...0-0!= -0.13/22]

11.Nb3± Bb7!?
[I don't see anything wrong with 11...Bd6 . After gaining the bishop pair White should have some advantage.]
12.Nxc5 Nxc5
[12...bxc5?! 1/2-1/2 was an immediate draw in Castellanos Rodriguez,R (2491)-Volkov,S (2575) Livigno 2012, but surely White would be happy to see this.]
13.b4!
[13.b3 0-0 14.Bb2 Rfd8 is about equal.]
13...Ncd7 14.Rd1
[An ancient game went 14.b5! Qe4 15.Qxe4 Bxe4? 1.64/20 *(15...Nxe4 , when White can still hope for pressure after 16.Re1* 16 or a5*; 15...Nxe4±* 0.39/22 *16.Re1 axb5 17.Bxb5 Nd6)* 16.bxa6+- Threatens to win with Bc1-a3. Bxc2 2.76/21 *(⌓16...0-0* 1.61/22 *17.Bb5 Nb8)* 17.Nd4+- Rusinkevich,N-Ivashina Riga 1954]
14...0-0 15.b5 0.32/23 White is more active.
[White should play 15.Bb2 0.70/20]
15...Qc8
[15...axb5 16.Bxb5 Qc7 17.Bb2±]
16.Nd4
[16.Bb2 should maintain the advantage, since Bxf3 17.gxf3 gives the bishops a lot of scope in conjunction with the d-file. Still, this would be double-edged.]
16...Nc5 17.bxa6?! -0.07/23
[17.Bb2]
[17.Bb2± 0.46/21]
17...Bxa6= The position is equal. **18.Nb5 Bxb5! 19.Bxb5 Nce4** Hitting c3 now White loses the bishop pair and has a slightly worse pawn structure. **20.Bb2** This pair of bishops is nice. **20...Nc3 21.Bxc3 Qxc3 22.Rab1 Rac8 23.Bd3 Qc6 24.Qe1 Ra8 25.Rb4 Qc7**
[25...Rxa4? loses. 26.Bb5 Rxb4 27.Bxc6+-]
26.Rc4 Qa7 27.Rb1 Rfc8 28.Rcb4 Nd5 29.Rh4 h6
[29...g6]
30.Qe4 Nf6 Wards off Qe4-h7+ **31.Qe3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

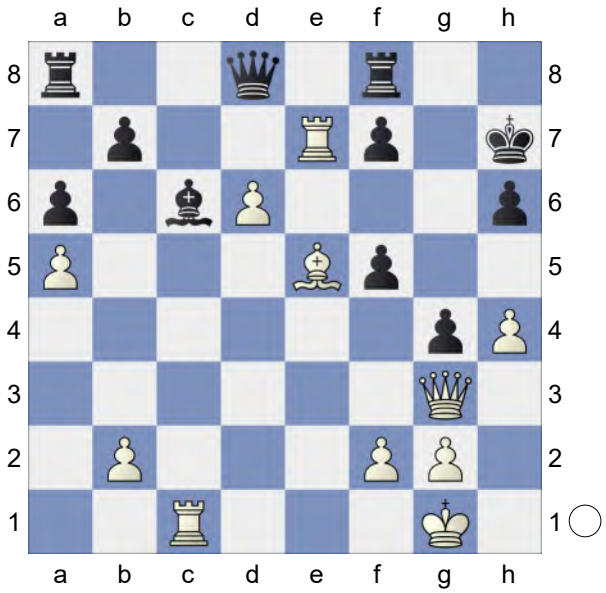
C07
□ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2651**
■ **Volkov,Sergey** **2440**
Chess.com Classic Play In rapid (6)
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.N2f3 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Bc5 9.Bd3N** White has an edge. Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[9.c3 0-0 10.Bd3 Bxd4 11.Nxd4 e5 12.Nb3 Qc7 13.0-0 a5 14.Qf3 Be6 15.Qg3 Na6 16.Rfe1 a4 17.c4 Nf4 18.Nd4 Rad8 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Bxf4 Rxf4 21.Qh3 g6 22.Qxe6+ Kg7 23.Bf1 Rf5 Chapter 8 - 3.Nd2 c5-4. Ngf3 2023]
[9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2 Bxd4 13.Nxd4 Qb6 14.Nb3 Rfc8 15.c4 Ne7 16.Bc3 Nf5 17.Rfd1 Qc7 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.Rxd4 Nf8 20.Rg4 Ng6 21.h4 Qc5 22.Rg3 e5 23.h5 Nf4 1-0 9.f3 c6 10.Nb3 (2627)-3.Bh4 Nh6! (2592) Cap d'Agde-A rapid 2003 (6)]
9...Qb6! 10.c3 Nc6! 11.0-0 Strongly threatening Nd4xc6. **11...Nxd4N** 0.57/22

[Vorgänger: 11...Bxd4 12.cxd4 0-0 13.Re1 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Bc3 Qf4 16.Be5 Qg5 17.Rc1 Bd7 ½-½ Frank,A (2344)-Szwed,J (2358) Olomouc GM-A 24th 2023 (7)]
[11...Bxd4= 0.10/21 12.cxd4 0-0]
12.cxd4± Bd6 13.a4 a6 14.a5 Qd8 15.Qb3 0.30/22
[15.Ne5± 0.80/24]
15...0-0= 16.Be4 Bd7 17.Bg5 0.00/25
[Not 17.Qxb7 Rb8 18.Bxd5 *(18.Qxa6? too greedy. Bb5-+)* 18...Rxb7 19.Bxb7 Bb5∓]
[Better is 17.Ne5!± 0.57/20]
17...Qb8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bd2 Bc6



20.Ne5! Ne7 21.Bb1 Qb3-c2 is the strong threat. **21...Nf5 22.Bxf5**
[22.Nxc6 simplifies bxc6 23.Qxb8 Rfxb8 24.Bxf5 exf5 25.Bc3]
22...exf5 23.Bf4 Bxe5 24.Rxe5 Qc8 0.92/20 Black is weak on the dark squares
[24...g5= 0.22/22 remains equal. 25.Bd2 *(25.Rxf5? is the wrong capture. gxf4 26.Qc4 Qc8-+)* 25...Qd6]
25.d5± aiming for Ra1-c1! White has more active pieces. **25...Bb5 26.d6** Threatens to win with Re5-e7. **26...Bd7?** 3.64/23 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[26...Re8!± 0.63/20]
27.Rc1+- Bc6 5.29/24
[⌓27...Be6 3.48/23 28.Qg3 Qd8 29.Bxh6 Qf6]
28.Re7 Qd8 29.Qg3 Kh7 30.Be5 g5 31.h4 g4

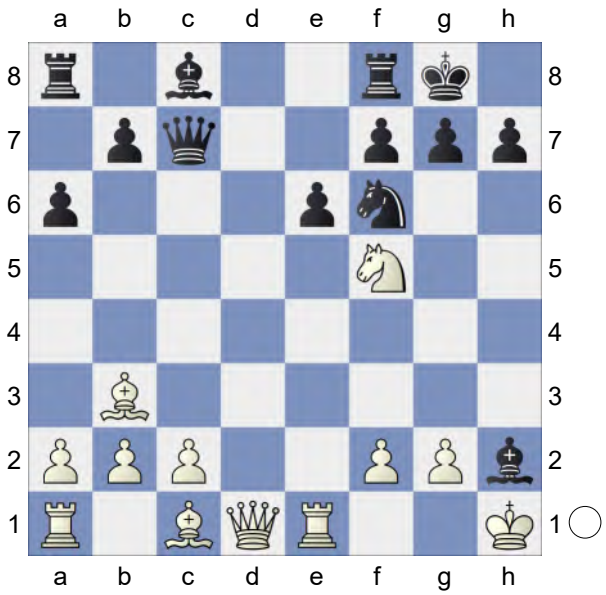


32.Rxc6! White wants to mate with Qg3-f4! **32...bxc6**
[32...Qxa5 33.Rcc7]
33.Qf4 White mates. **33...Qc8 34.d7 Qd8 35.Qxf5+ Kg8 36.Qxg4+ Kh7 37.Qg7#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.59
1-0

C07
□ **Adams,Michael** **2701**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2558**
145/77 Biel 2020
[Arsovic,Goran, Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 Savchenko,S: 'Inf 59/(312)' Solovjov,Sergey: 'Solovjov,S: 'Inf 93/214"

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6N 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Bb3 Bd6 13.Nf5 Bxh2+ 14.Kh1 0-0



15.Nxg7! Rd8 Against Qd1-d4 **16.Qe2** -0.54/22

[16.Qf3± 0.36/26 Kxg7 17.g3 *(17.Bh6+ Kg6 18.c3 Nh5 19.Bc1 Bf4 20.g4 Ng3+ 21.fxg3 Bxc1 22.Raxc1 b6 23.Qe3 Bb7+ 24.Kh2 Qc5 25.Qf4 Qg5 26.Bc2+ Kh6 27.Rcd1 Qxf4 28.gxf4 Bf3 29.Rxd8 Rxd8 30.Kg3 Rd2 31.Kxf3 Rxc2* ½-½ Solovjov,S (2456)-Ivanov,S (2574) Saint Petersburg 93/214 2005 *)*]

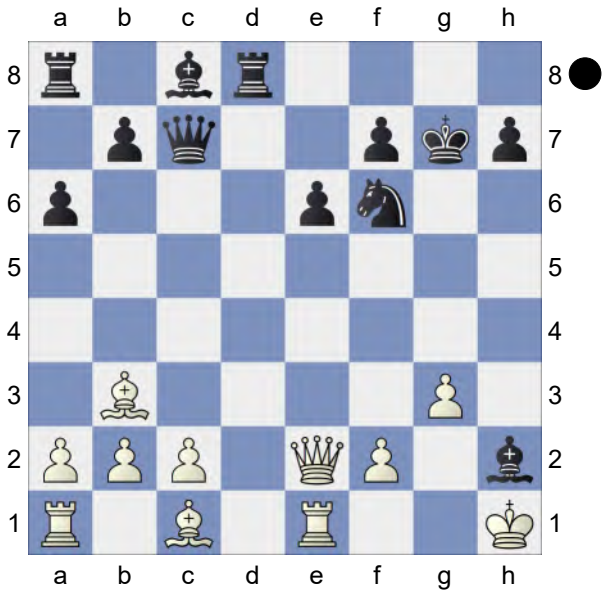
16...Kxg7∓ 17.g3 -1.27/19

[17.Qe3!∓ -0.45/26 Kh8 18.Qg5]

(Diagram)

17...Bxg3!∓ Black is better. **18.fxg3**

[18.Rg1 -1.48/25 18.f2xg3 -1.12 Qc6+? 0.06/20 *(18...Kh8∓* -1.48/25 *19.Rxg3 Bd7; 18...b5 19.Rxg3+ Kh8 20.Bg5 Bb7+ 21.Kh2 Ne4 22.Qe3 Rg8 23.Qd4+ e5 24.Qxe4 Rxg5*



25.Qh4 Rxg3 26.fxg3 Qc6 27.Rg1 Qf3 28.Qg5 f6 29.Qh6 Rd8 30.Be6 Be4 31.Bg4 Qf2+ 32.Kh3 Rg8 33.Be6 0-1 Lependin,V (2500)-9.00 Nbd7 10.b3 (2565) 45/622 Belfort 1988 *)* 19.f3!= Qc7 0.86/24 *(19...Qd6=* 0.13/20 *20.Qh2 Kf8 21.Bh6+ Ke7 22.Rxg3 Rg8 23.Rxg8 Qxh2+ 24.Kxh2 Nxg8)* 20.Bg5? -1.33/23 *(20.Qh2±* 0.86/24 is forced if you want to stay better. *Kf8 21.Rxg3 Rd1+ 22.Kg2)* 20...Nh5]

18...b5N 0.00/27

[18...Bd7! 19.Bf4 Qc5 0.00/33 *(19...Bc6+∓* -1.04/23 *20.Kg1 Qb6+ 21.Be3 Qb5 22.Qxb5 axb5)* 20.Be5!= Bc6+ 21.Kh2 Kg6! 22.Bxf6 Kxf6 23.Rf1+ Kg6 24.Bxe6 Qh5+ 25.Qxh5+ Kxh5 26.Bxf7+ Kg5 27.Rad1 Repels Rd8-d2+ Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Rf8]

[18...Qxg3? 19.Rg1+-]

[18...Bd7!∓ -1.08/23 19.Bf4 Bc6+ 20.Kg1 *(20.Kh2 Qa5∓)* 20...Qb6+ 21.Kf1 Qb5 22.Qxb5 axb5]

[18...Qc5 19.Bf4 Qh5+ 20.Qxh5 Nxh5 21.Bc7 Rd7 22.Be5+ f6 23.g4 fxe5 24.gxh5 b5 25.Kh2 Rd2+

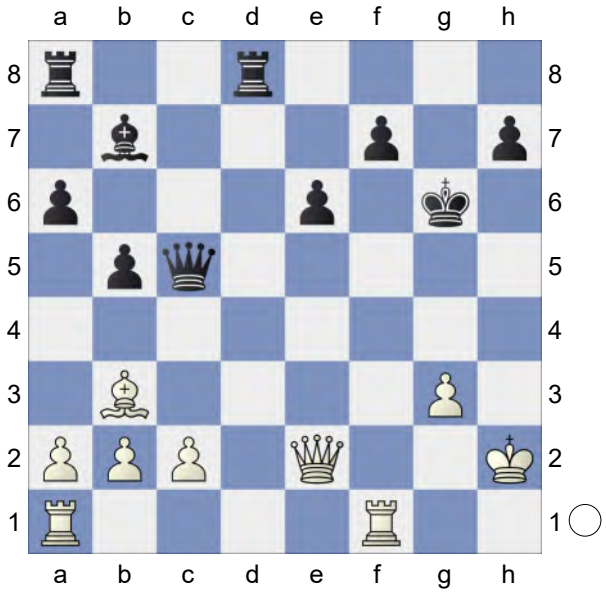
26.Kh3 e4 27.Rxe4 e5+ 28.Kg3 Kf6 29.Rf1+ Bf5 30.Re3 Rd4 Vorontsov,N (2355)-Savchenko,S (2530) Sankt_Peterburg 1993]

19.Bf4= Bb7+ 20.Kh2 Qc5⇄ Black is fighting back **21.Be5 Kg6 22.Bxf6 Kxf6 23.Rf1+**

[23.Bxe6 -1.45/25 23.Re1-f1+ 0.02 fxe6 0.01/18 *(23...Kg7!∓ -1.45/25 24.Bh3 Rd6)* 24.Qxe6+= Kg7 25.Qe7+]

23...Kg6!

[23...Ke7? #6/17 23...Kf6-g6 0.00 24.Rxf7+! Kxf7 25.Qxe6+ Kg7 26.Qf7+ Kh6 27.Qf6+ Kh5 28.Bf7+ Kg4 29.Qf4#]



24.Bxe6! Qh5+

[24...Qg5 25.Bxf7+ Kg7

A) 26.Rad1 Rac8 1.35/21 *(26...Rxd1= 0.00/21* remains equal. *27.Rxd1 Rf8)*;

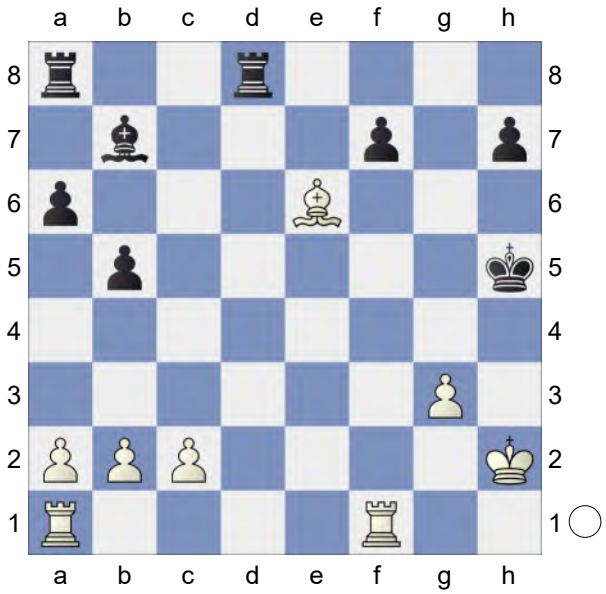
B) 26.Rf4 Rd6 0.40/20 *(26...Qh6+= -0.07/29 27.Kg1 Qh1+ 28.Kf2 Qg2+ 29.Ke1 Qxg3+ 30.Qf2 Qxf2+ 31.Rxf2 Rf8)*

27.Be6± Rf4-g4 is the strong threat. *(27.Rg4 Rh6+ 28.Kg1 Rh1+ 29.Kf2 Rh2+! 30.Kf1 Rh1+; 27.Rg4!? Rh6+□ 28.Kg1 Rh1+ 29.Kf2 Rh2+ 30.Kf1 Rxe2 31.Rxg5+ Kf6 32.Kxe2 Kxg5 33.c4∓)* 27...Qh6+? 3.84/20 *(27...Kh8!± 0.40/20 28.Qe3 Re8 29.Rf8+* Discovered Attack *Rxf8 30.Qxg5 Rxe6)* 28.Bh3]

[Stronger than 24...fxe6 25.Qxe6+ Kg5 26.Qf6+ Kh5 27.g4+ *(27.Rf5+ Qxf5 28.Qxf5+ Kh6 29.Qf6+ Kh5 30.g4+* Decoy *Kxg4 31.Rg1+ Bg2 32.Rxg2+ Kh5 33.Qg5#)* 27...Kxg4 28.Rf4+ Kh5 29.Rh4#]

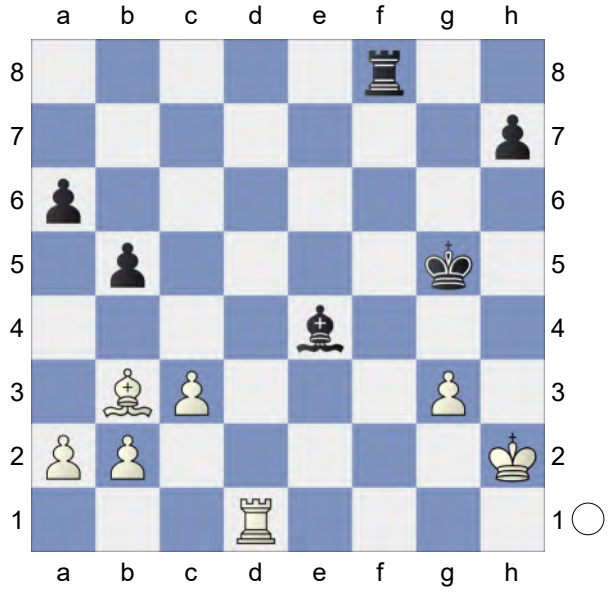
[24...Qg5!? 25.Rf4 *(25.Rxf7? Rd2-+* Pin*; 25.Bxf7+ Kg7=)* 25...Qh5+ *(25...fxe6? 26.Rg4+-* Pin *)* 26.Qxh5+ Kxh5 27.g4+ *(27.Bxf7+ Kg5=; 27.Rxf7 Rd2+ 28.Kg1 Be4±)* 27...Kh4 28.g5+ Decoy *(28.Bxf7? Rd2+ 29.Kg1 Kg3-+)* 28...Kxg5 29.Rf5+ *(29.Rxf7 Rd2+ 30.Kh3 Bg2+ 31.Kg3 Re8=)* 29...Kh6 30.Rf6+ Kg5 31.Rf5+ Kh4 32.Rf4+ Kg5 33.Rf5+= *(33.Rxf7 Rd2+ 34.Kg3 Be4=)*]

25.Qxh5+ Kxh5?! Diagram

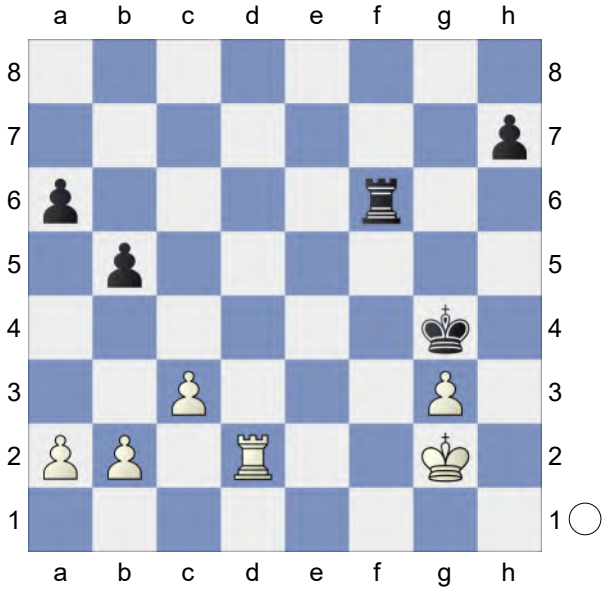


26.Bxf7+ Kg5 27.Rad1 Prevents Rd8-

d2+. **27...Be4**
[27...Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Rf8 29.Bd5 *(29.Bd5!? Rb8 30.Bxb7 Rxb7 31.Rd5+ Kg4 32.Rd4+ Kg5 33.Kg2±)* 29...Rd8 30.Bf3 Rxd1 31.Bxd1 h5? 5.90/25 *(31...Kf5=* 0.17/28 *)* 32.Kg1+- h4 33.gxh4+ Kxh4 34.Kf2]
28.c3
[28.Bb3 Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Rc8 30.c3 Rc6!]
28...Rxd1
[28...Bc2 29.Rd4∞ *(29.Rde1 Rd2+ 30.Kg1 Rf8 31.Re5+ Kh6)* 29...Rxd4 30.cxd4 - 144/64 Rd8 31.Rf4]
29.Rxd1 Endgame. KRB-KRB **29...Rf8 30.Bd5 Rd8** (→ ...Xb7-f3) **31.Bb3 Rf8** Diagram
[31...Rxd1± 2.94/22 31...Rd8-f8 0.76 32.Bxd1 h5? 5.14/26 *(32...Kf5* 2.19/25 *33.a4 bxa4)* 33.Kg1]



32.Rd4! Bf3 33.Bd5 Bxd5 1.89/18
[33...h5± 0.78/25 was worth a try.]
34.Rxd5+± KR-KR **34...Kg4 35.Kg2** Dodges Rf8-f2+ **35...Rf6 36.Rd4+! Kg5 37.Rd2** 0.55/24
[37.a4 0.04/22 37.b2-b3 1.48 bxa4 38.Rxa4 Rb6 39.Rb4 *(39.b4* Ra4-a5+ would now be deadly. *Rc6)* 39...Rxb4 40.cxb4± Kg4 41.Kf2 Kf5 42.Kf3 h5]
[37.Rd5+± 1.39/24 Kg4 38.Rd4+ Kg5 39.Rd5+ Kg4]
37...Kg4 1.29/22
[37...Re6± 0.55/24]



38.c4 0.05/24 **bxc4= 39.Rd4+ Kf5 40.Rxc4 Rd6 41.Rf4+ Kg5**
[41...Ke5]
[41...Ke5]
42.b3 Rd2+ 43.Rf2 Rd5 44.Kh3 Ra5? 1.63/36
[44...a5= 0.10/30]
45.a4!+- Rd5 46.b4! Rd4
[46...Rd6∞ 47.Rc2!? Kf5]
47.Rb2 Rd6 48.b5 axb5 49.axb5
[49.Rxb5+ 0.02/39 49.a4xb5 0.57 Kg6 50.Rb3 aiming for a4-a5. *(50.a5∞* Hoping for Rb5-b6. *Rd3)* 50...Ra6 51.Ra3 Ra5 52.Kg4 h5+± 53.Kf4 Kf6 54.Ke4 Ke6 55.Kd4 Kd6 56.Kc4 Kc6 57.Kb4 Rg5]
[But not 49.Rxb5+ Kf6=]
49...Rb6 50.Kg2 Kf6 51.Kf3 Ke7 52.Rb3

[52.Ke4 Kd7? 3.38/27 *(52...Ke6± 0.36/40)* 53.Kd5? 0.12/30 *(*Only move: *53.Rd2+!+-* 3.38/27 *Kc7 54.Rd5)* 53...Rg6=]

52...Kd7

[⌓52...Kf7 53.Kg4 Kg6 54.Rb4 Kg7 *(54...Kf6 55.Rf4+)* 55.Kg5 h6+ 56.Kf5 Kf7 57.g4 Kf8!∞ 58.Ke5 Ke7 59.Kd5 And now Kd5-c5 would win. Kd7 60.Kc5 Rg6]

53.Kg4 Rg6+

[53...Ke7 54.Kg5 Kf7 55.Rf3+± Kg7? 5.59/32 *(55...Ke7!±* 0.47/22) 56.Rf5!±]

54.Kf5!

[54.Kh5± Kc7? 7.42/30 *(54...Rb6!; 54...Rb6=* 0.29/22) 55.b6++- Kb7 56.g4]

54...Rg7? 6.60/33

[54...Kc7? 4.66/26 54...Rg6-b6 0.35 55.g4]

[54...Rb6= 0.25/23]

55.g4 Kc7

[55...h6]

56.b6+ Kb7 57.Kf4? 0.10/48

[57.g5]

[57.g5±]

[White should play 57.g5+- 6.77/26 Rd7 58.Kg4]

57...Rg6? 2.96/28

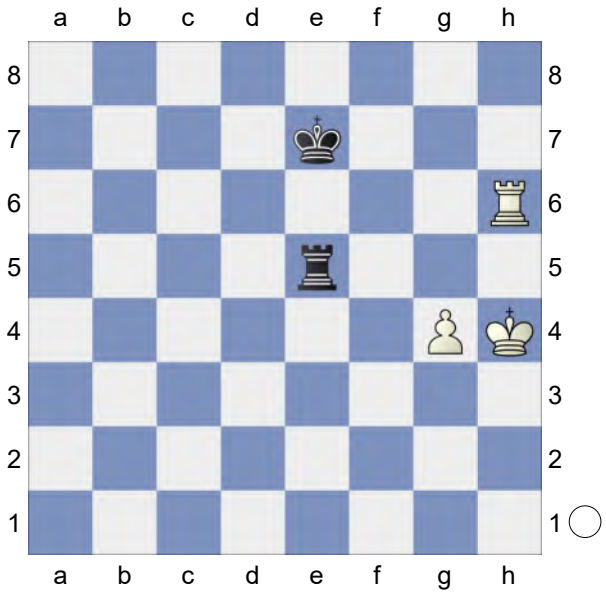
[57...h6= 0.10/48 and Black stays safe.]

58.Rb5? 0.10/20

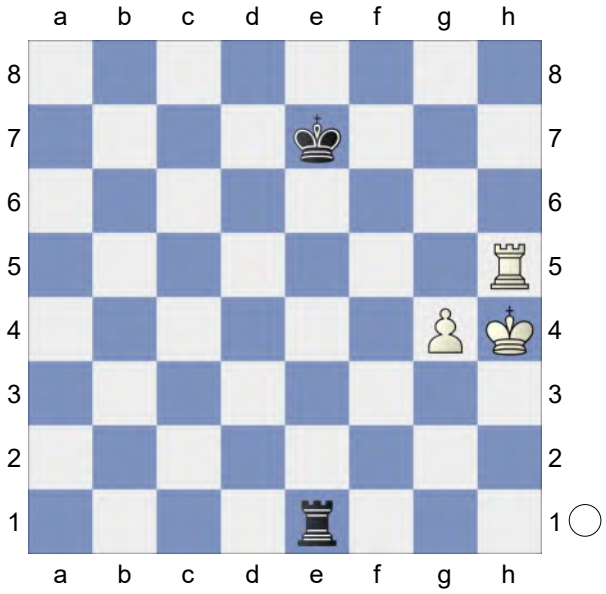
[58.Kf5!+- 2.96/28]

58...h6!= The position is equal. **59.Kg3** Threatens to win with Kg3-h4. **59...Rc6 60.Kh4 Rc1 61.Rb3 Rd1**

[61...Re1 62.Rh3 Black must now prevent Kh4-h5. Re5 63.Rh1 Kxb6? 5.18/28 *(63...Re2?* 6.68/27 63...Re5-b5 0.14; *63...Rb5=* 0.14/43 and Black is okay.*)* 64.Rf1+- Kc7+- 65.Rf6! Kd7 66.Rxh6+- Ke7



67.Rh5!+- Re1



68.Rf5! Rh1+ 69.Kg5 Rh8 70.Rf4 Rh7 71.Kg6 Rh4]

62.Rh3 Rd5!

[62...Kxb6? 6.65/27 62...Rd1-d5 0.11 63.Kh5 Rd6 64.Re3]

63.Rf3 Rd1 64.Rh3

[64.Rf6!? Rh1+□ 65.Kg3=]

64...Rd5! 65.Rh1 Kxb6

[65...Rd2? 6.69/28 65...Kb7xb6 0.02]

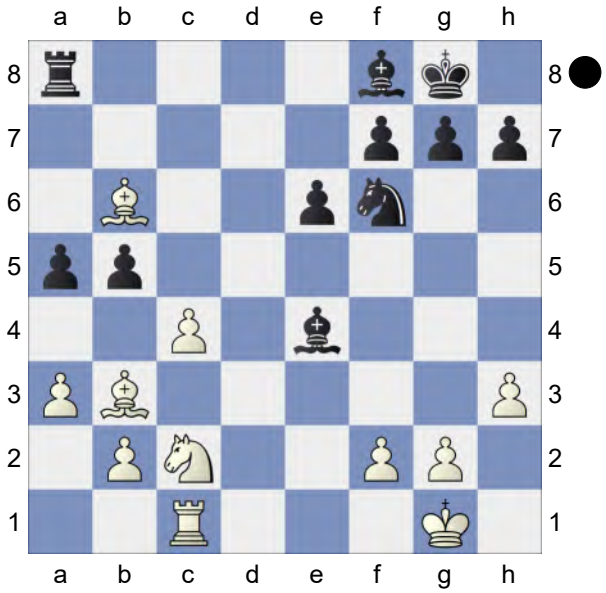
66.Rf1 Kc7 67.Rf6 Kd7 68.Rxh6 Ke7 Repels Rh6-f6 **69.Rh5 Rd8! 70.Rf5 Rh8+ 71.Kg5 Rg8+ 72.Kf4** Strongly

threatening g4-g5. **72...Rf8 73.Rxf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.31. Loss on time!?
1-0

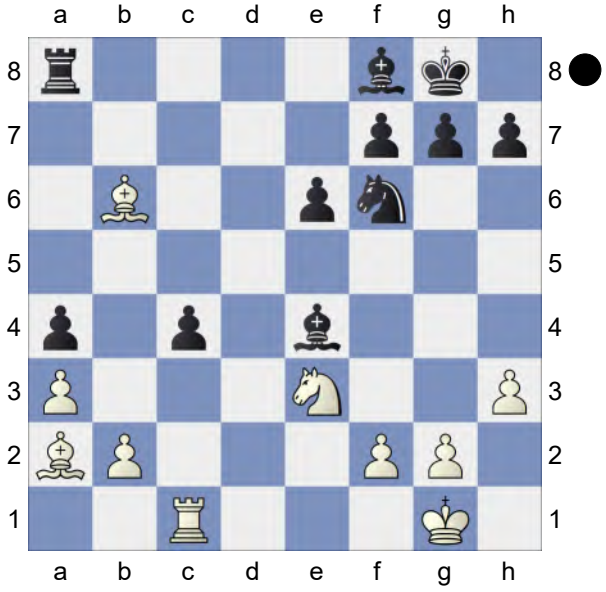
C07

□ **Rozentalis,Eduardas** **2527**
■ **Tiviakov,Sergei** **2548**
FRA-chT Top 16 GpA (3.1) 03.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

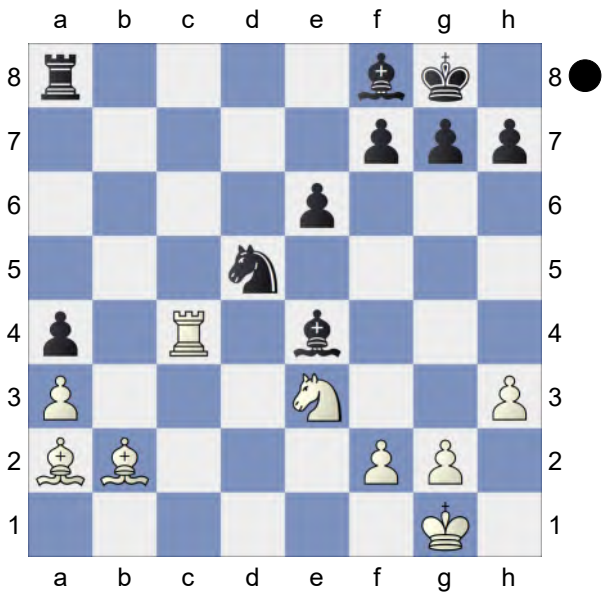
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd8 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 a6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Nf6 12.Bf4 Bc5** has lost popularity (12...b5). verliert an Beliebtheit (12...b5). **13.Rad1 Bd7 14.Rfe1 Rc8 15.Bb3** The position is equal. **15...0-0 16.c3 Rfd8 17.h3 b5N**
[17...h6 18.Be5 Be7 19.Re3 Be8 20.Red3 Kh8 21.Rg3 b5 22.a3 a5 23.Ra1 Bd6 24.Re3 Bxe5 25.Rxe5 b4 26.Rxa5 bxc3 27.bxc3 Rxc3 28.Ba4 Rxd4 29.Bxe8 Nxe8 30.Ra8 Kh7 31.Rxe8 Ra4 32.Re7 0-1 Silva,D (2344)-Peralta,F (2585) POR SuperCup 2022 (1.1)]
18.a3 a5N
[Predecessor: 18...Bxd4 0.38/24 18...a6-a5 -0.12 19.Rxd4 Bc6 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Rd1 Rc8 22.c4 bxc4 23.Bxc4 Nd5 24.Bd2 Bb5 1-0 Godena,M (2509)-Moroni,L (2229) Padova op-A 16th 2013 (3)]
19.Be3 Bf8 20.Nc2 Hoping for Be3-b6. **20...Bc6 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Bb6 Ra8 23.c4** -1.09/23
[23.Nd4= -0.10/21]
23...Be4!∓ White must now prevent ...a5-a4. **24.Rc1** -1.51/22
[24.cxb5? too greedy. a4 25.Rxe4 Nxe4-+ *(25...axb3? 26.Rc4-+)*]
[⌓24.Ne3 -1.11/22 Nd7 25.Bc7]



24...a4! 25.Ba2 bxc4 Black is more active. **26.Ne3** -1.75/23
[26.Bd4∓ -1.17/23 is a better defense.]



26...c3!↑ Black has strong initiative.
27.Bd4
[27.Rxc3 Rb8]
27...cxb2 28.Bxb2 Nd5 29.Rc4

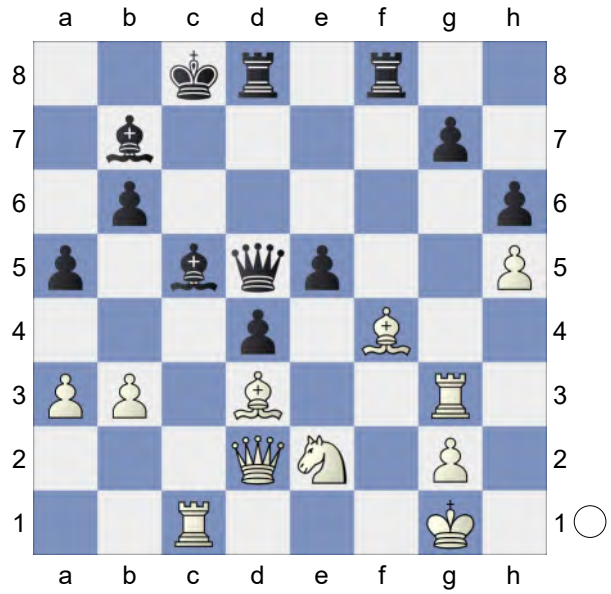


Nxe3! 30.Rxe4 Nd1 Deflection
[30...Nc2 31.Bb1 Nxa3 32.Bxa3 Bxa3 33.Bc2±]
31.Be5 Bxa3 aiming for ...Ba3-c5.
32.Re2 -3.23/24
[⌓32.Kf1 -2.27/23]
32...Bc5 33.Kf1 Nxf2 34.Rxf2? -5.97/23
[34.Rd2 -3.64/23 keeps fighting.]
34...Bxf2 35.Kxf2 Rc8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.03 (flawless)
0-1

C05
□ **Andersen,Mads** **2606**
■ **Feygin,Michael** **2470**
Bundesliga 2324 (9.5) 23.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C05: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7, 5 f4 and 5 Bd3 sidelines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3 c5 6.f4 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.a3!** is more profitable than 8.g3 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 8.g3.
8...a5 9.b3 Be7 10.h4 Qc7
[10...f5 11.h5 cxd4 12.cxd4 Ndb8 13.Bd3 Bd7 14.Ne2 a4 15.b4 Na7 16.Nc3 Nb5 17.Nxa4 Qc7 18.Nc5 Nc3 19.Qc2 Ne4 20.h6 Rg8 21.hxg7 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Ba4 23.Qb2 Qxg7 24.Rh3 Nc6 25.Kf1 0-1 Morozov,Y (2614)-Roos (2473) USSR 31/130 1981 (5)]
11.Be3N White is slightly better.
[11.Rb1 Nb6 12.Bd3 Bd7 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Ne2 f6 15.Ned4 fxe5 16.Nxc6 e4 17.Nce5 exd3 18.Qxd3 a4 19.b4 Be7 20.Be3 Nc4 21.Nxc4 Qxc4 22.Qxc4 dxc4 23.Ne5 Bf6 24.Bd4 Bb5 25.Rb2 0-0 3...Nf6-N,N 2023 26.Re2]
11...b6 1.09/21
[11...c4± 0.54/21]
12.Kf2N 0.55/20
[Vorgänger: 12.Nh3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Ndb8 14.Bd3 h5 2.29/22 *(14...Nd8± 1.51/19 15.0-0 Ba6 16.Bxa6 Nxa6)* 15.Qc2 Qd7 16.f5 exf5 17.Nf4 Ra7 18.0-0 ½-½ Motwani,P (2505)-Dgebuadze,A (2550) BEL-chT 0001 2000 (9)]
[White should try 12.Nh3± 1.09/21]
12...Bb7 13.Bd3 h6 0.87/22
[13...c4± 0.51/20 is more appropriate. 14.bxc4 dxc4]
14.Ne2± 0-0-0 1.48/20
[Better is 14...c4 0.95/20]
15.h5 f6 16.Kg1 White is more active.
16...Rhf8 17.Rh3 fxe5 2.60/20
[17...c4± 1.60/19 might work better.]
18.fxe5+-
[Don't do 18.dxe5?! Kb8±]
[18.Nxe5 Bd6±]
18...Ndxe5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Qd2 d4 22.cxd4 cxd4 23.Rc1+ Bc5 4.12/22
[23...Kb8 2.63/21 was worth a try. 24.Bf4 Rxf4 25.Qxf4 Qxf4 26.Nxf4 e5]

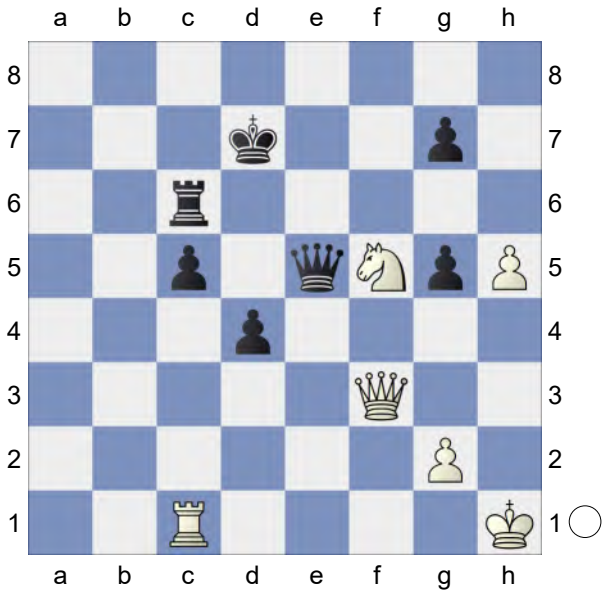
24.Bf4 Qd5 25.Rg3 e5



26.Bxe5 Qxe5 27.b4 axb4 28.axb4 Pin **28...Rd7 29.bxc5 bxc5 30.Qa5 Rc7 31.Ba6 Rf5 32.Bxb7+ Rxb7 33.Qa8+ Kc7 34.Qa5+ Kd7 35.Qa6 Rc7 36.Qg6 Rg5 37.Qf7+ Kc6 38.Rxg5** White threatens Qf7-g6+ and mate. **38...hxg5** 5.79/22
[⌓38...Qe3+ 4.01/20 39.Qf2 Qxf2+ 40.Kxf2 hxg5 41.Nxd4+ Kd5]
39.Qf3+ Kd7 5.62/19
[39...Kd6 3.66/21 was called for. 40.Ng3 Qe3+ 41.Qxe3 dxe3 42.Nf5+ Ke5]
40.Kh1 White is clearly winning. **40...Ke7 41.Ng3 Kd7 42.Nf5 Rc6**

(Diagram)

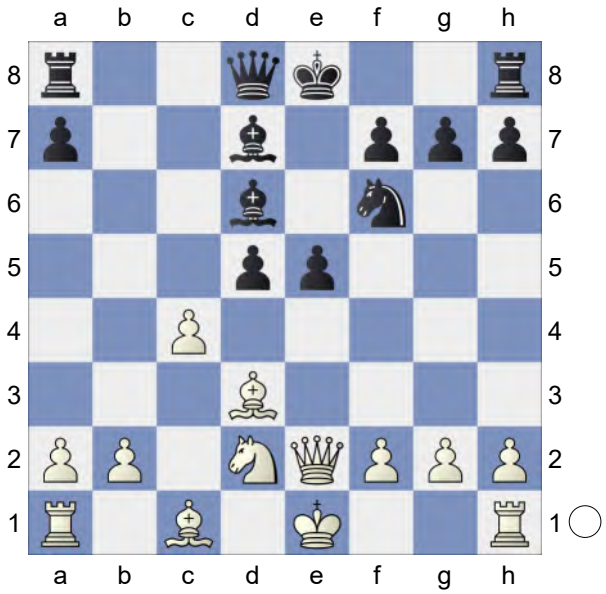
43.Nxd4! Qxd4 Endgame. KQR-KQR **44.Rd1** Pin **44...Rd6 45.Rxd4 cxd4** KQ-KR **46.Qf7+ Kc6 47.Qxg7** And now h5-h6! would win. **47...d3 48.Qc3+**
[48.Qxg5 d2 49.Kh2 d1Q-+ *(49...d1R?* perishes. *50.h6+-)*]
48...Kb5 49.Qd2 Kc4 50.Kg1 g4 51.Kf2 Kd5 Black did not feel at home



in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.70
1-0

C07
□ **Stojanovic,Dalibor** **2448**
■ **Martinovic,Sasa** **2563**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (5.20) 15.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qe2 e5** 0.58/21
[Black should play 9...Ne7= 0.00/18]
10.exd5± cxd5 White is slightly better.
11.c4 Nf6
[11...Ne7 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Nc4 Bb4+ 14.Kf1 0-0 15.h4 Nf4 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Ne5 Bd6 18.Rd1 Bxe5 19.Qxe5 Re8 20.Qxf4 Bb5 21.Rh3 Rc8 22.Kg1 g6 23.h5 Rc4 24.Qh6 Qd7 25.hxg6 fxg6 26.Bxc4+ 1-0 Tymrakiewicz,R (2709)-Lopez,J (2562) 49/380 Manila 1990 (4)]



Hoping for ...e5-e4. **12.cxd5 0-0 13.0-0! Re8N** And now ...e5-e4 would win.

[13...Nxd5 14.Be4 Be6 15.Nc4 Rc8 16.Rd1 Rxc4 17.Qxc4 Ne3 18.Qd3 Nxd1 19.Qxd1 Bc5 20.Qxd8 Rxd8 21.Be3 Bxe3 22.fxe3 Rd2 23.Rc1 g6 24.Rc2 Rd1+ 25.Kf2 Bxa2 26.Rc7 a5 27.Ra7 Rd2+ 28.Kg3 0-1 Nasta,K (1922)-Matveeva,O (2111) Titled Tuesday intern op 31st Jan Early blitz 2023 (9)]

[13...Bg4 14.f3 Bh5 15.Rd1 Rc8 16.Nf1 e4 17.Bxe4 Re8 18.Nd2 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 f5 20.g4 fxe4 21.gxh5 exf3 22.Qxf3 0-1 Romero Barreto,J (2361)-Acosta,P (2491) Villa Martelli Panno 70-A 2023 (8)]

14.Bb5 0.01/21

[14.Nc4± 0.40/21 Bg4 15.Qd2]

14...Nxd5= Threatens to win with ...Nd5-f4. **15.Bxd7**

[15.Ne4 is interesting. Nf4 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Bc4]

15...Qxd7 16.Ne4 Be7 17.Rd1 Qe6 18.Bg5 -0.27/19

[18.Ng5 0.10/21 should be considered. Bxg5 19.Bxg5]

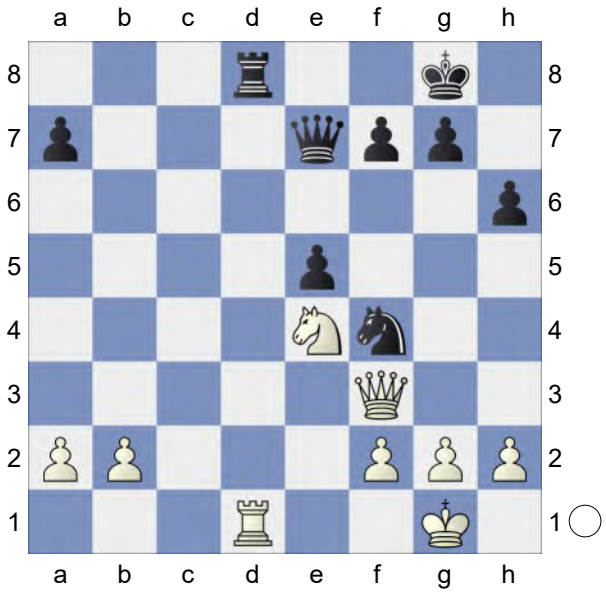
18...Rad8 0.19/23

[⌓18...Nf4 -0.27/19 19.Bxf4 exf4]

19.Bxe7

[19.Qc4 simplifies h6 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.Rd2]

19...Nf4 20.Qf3 Qxe7 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Rd1 Wards off Rd8-d3 **22...h6**



Strongly threatening ...Rd8xd1+. **23.g3 Ne6** White must now prevent ...Ne6-d4. **24.Rxd8+ Qxd8** Endgame. KQN-KQN **25.Nc3 Qd4 26.Qa8+ Kh7 27.Qe4+** -0.36/24

[27.Qb7= 0.07/22]

27...Qxe4!∓ 28.Nxe4 KN-KN **28...f5 29.Nd6 Kg6 30.b4 Kf6 31.b5 Nc5 32.Nc8 a6 33.bxa6 Nxa6 34.Nb6 e4 35.Kf1 g5 36.Ke2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

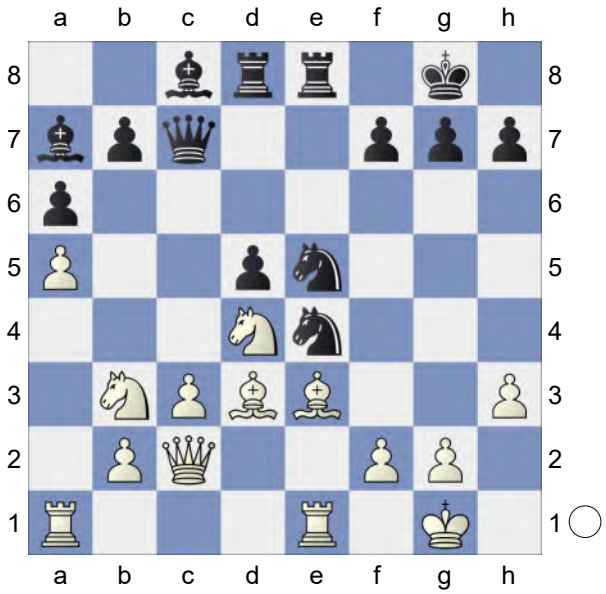
½-½

C09
□ **Lagarde,Maxime** **2599**
■ **Santiago,Yago De Moura** **2481**
FIDE World Cup (1.2) 31.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Qe7+ 7.Be2 Qc7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1 Be7** White is slightly better. **10.dxc5**
[10.Nf1 simplifies Qb6 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Be3]
10...Bxc5 11.Bb5+ Be6 12.Nb3! Bb6 13.Be3 0-0 14.h3N
[14.a4 Bg4 15.Bxb6 Qxb6 16.Be2 Rfe8 17.a5 Qb4 18.c3 Qf4 19.a6 bxa6 20.Qd2 Qxd2 21.Nbxd2 Rab8 22.b4 d4 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.Bxg4 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Nb5 Kumari,P (2629)-5...d6 6...a6 (2450) XXVII Open Metz FRA 2009]
14...Ne4 15.c3 Rfe8 16.a4 a6 17.Bd3 Rad8 18.Nfd4 Bc8 19.Qc2 Ne5 20.a5! Ba7 0.98/22
[20...Bxd4± 0.60/23 is superior. 21.Bxd4 *(21.Nxd4 Nxd3 22.Qxd3 b6±; 21.cxd4 Qxc2 22.Bxc2 Nc4±)* 21...Nxd3 22.Qxd3 Qf4]

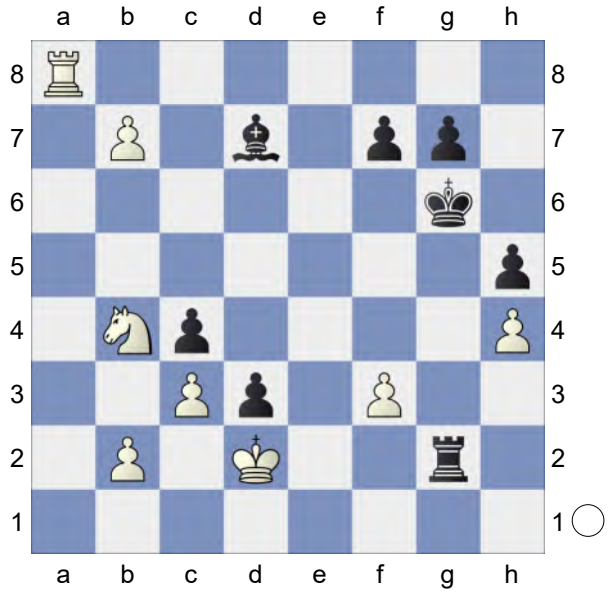
(Diagram)

21.Nb5!± Discovered Attack **21...axb5 22.Bxa7 Nxd3 23.Qxd3** Threatens to win with Ba7-b6! **23...Qc4 24.Qxc4**
[24.Qc2 with more complications. Bd7 25.f3 Nd6 26.Bc5]
24...bxc4 1.36/23
[⌓24...dxc4 0.89/24 25.Nd4 Bd7]
25.Nd4 Bd7 26.Red1 Ra8 27.Bb6 Nf6 28.f3 h5 29.h4 Kh7 30.Kf2 Ra6

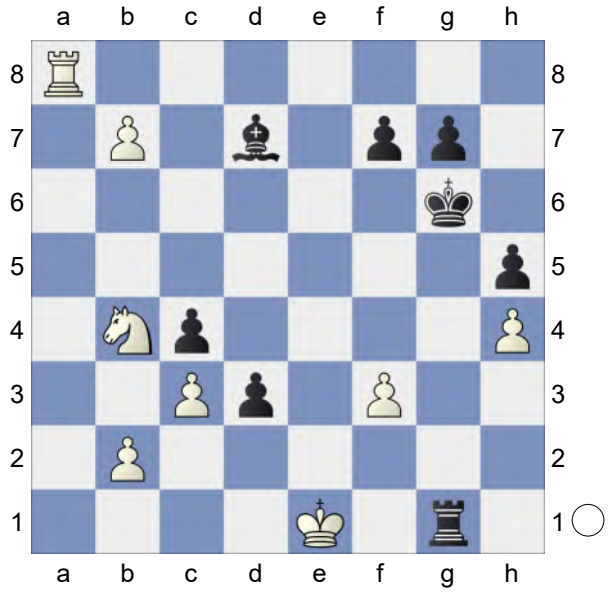


31.Nc2 Be6 32.Nb4 Raa8 Black is weak on the dark squares **33.Be3 Rec8 34.Kg3 Kg6 35.Kf4** White is more active. **35...Rc7 36.Bd4 Nd7** 1.85/23
[36...Ng8± 1.34/22 37.Re1 Rd7]
37.Bb6!+- Nxb6 38.axb6 Discovered Attack **38...Rxa1** 3.09/23
[38...Rcc8 1.99/25 is a better defense. 39.Rxa8 *(39.Nxd5? Rxa1* Deflection *40.Rxa1 Bxd5-+)* 39...Rxa8]
39.Rxa1 Endgame. KRB-KRN **39...Rc5 40.Ra7?** 0.87/28
[40.Ke5+- 3.82/25]
40...d4± Hoping for ...d4-d3. **41.Rxb7** And now Rb7-a7 would win. **41...d3** Strongly threatening ...d3-d2. **42.Rb8**
[42.Ke3?! Re5+ 43.Kd2 Re2+ 44.Kd1 Rxg2=]
42...Rb5 43.Ke3 Re5+ 2.15/25 A mistake that costs the game.
[43...Kf6± 0.86/26]
44.Kd2!+-
[44.Kf4 Rb5±]
44...Re2+ 45.Kd1! Bd7? 6.77/25
[45...Rxb2? loses. 46.Rd8+- *(46.b7 Rxb4 47.cxb4 Bd5+-)*]
[45...Re5 2.85/25 46.b7 Rb5]

46.Ra8 White is clearly winning.
46...Rxg2 47.b7 Rg1+ 48.Kd2 Rg2+



49.Ke1! Rg1+



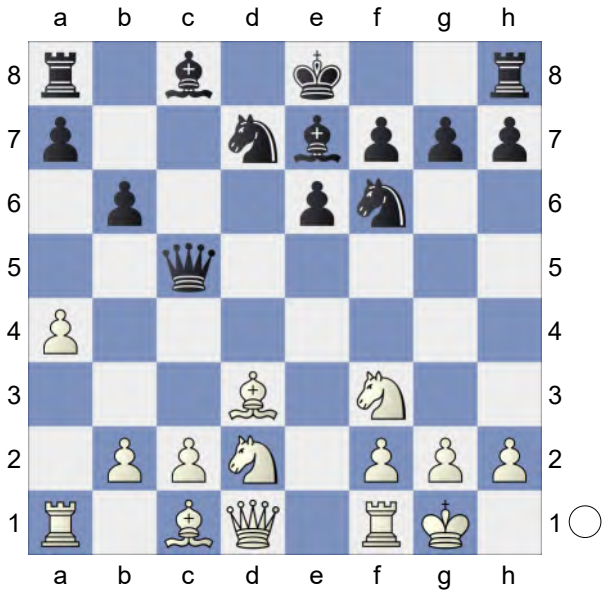
50.Kf2! d2 51.Ra6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.31
[51.b8R leads to mate. d1Q *(51...d1N+? too greedy. 52.Kxg1 Be6 53.Ra5+-)* 52.Rb6+ Kh7]
1-0

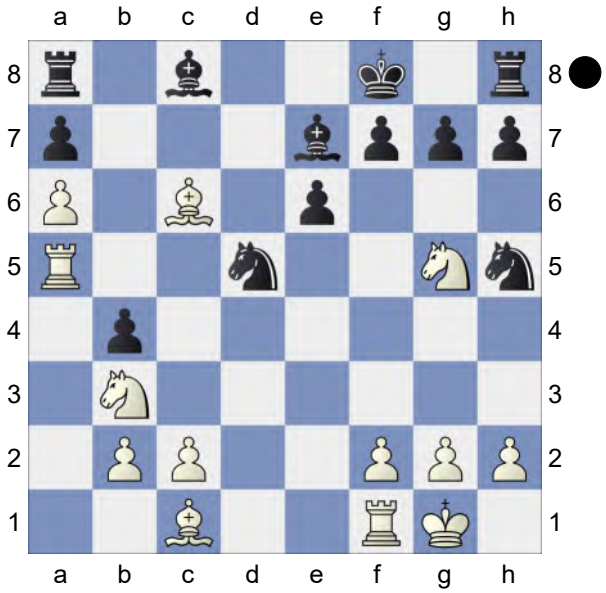
C07
☐ **Ellithorpe,Gilbert P** **2751**
■ **R Of B,Fred** **2583**
Oesterreich 93/257 (6) 29.01.2017
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.dxc5 Qxc5 6.Ngf3 Nf6** Prevents Nd2-e4. **7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0** The position is equal. **8...Nbd7 9.a4**
[9.Re1 0-0 10.Ne4 Qc7 11.Bg5 b6 12.Bh4 Bb7 13.Bg3 Qc6 14.Nd4 Qd5 15.Nb5 Nc5 16.Nc7 Qd8 17.Nxc5 Bxc5 18.Nxa8 Qxa8 19.Be5 Bxg2 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Qg4+ Kh8 22.Qh4 f5 23.Qf6+ Kg8 1-0 Delgado Ramirez,N (2484)-Di Berardino,D (2485) Joacaba Scherer 2024 (8)]
9...b6N
[9...Qc7 10.Nb3 b6 11.a5 Bb7 12.a6 Bd5 13.Nbd4 Rd8 14.Qe2 0-0 15.c4 Ba8 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.Nfd4 Nc5 18.Bc2 Nxa6 19.Be3 Rd7 20.f3 Nb4 21.Ba4 Bc5 22.Rad1 Rfd8 23.Qf2 Qc8 24.Nc3 Alster (2543)-R Of B,F (2568) World Championship Candidates 2018]

(Diagram)

10.a5! b5 1.03/21
[10...0-0± 0.33/20]
[10...Qc7 11.axb6]
11.Nb3 Qh5 2.13/21
[11...Qc7± 0.76/21 was necessary.]
12.a6+- b4 13.Be2 Nb6 3.68/22
[13...0-0 2.50/20 was worth a try. 14.Ng5 Qg6]
14.Ra5 Nbd5 15.Ng5 Qg6 16.Bd3 Qh5 17.Bb5+ Kf8 18.Qxh5 Nxh5 19.Bc6





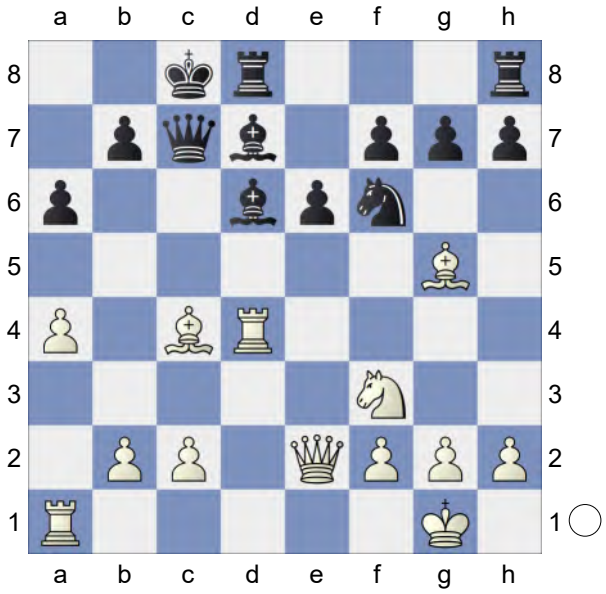
Discovered Attack **19...Rb8 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Be3**
[21.Rxd5 Nf6 22.Ra5 Bd8±]
21...Ra8 22.Nd4 Ng5-f3 would now be deadly.
[22.Rxd5 Nf6 23.Ra5 Kg8+-]
22...Bd8? 3.89/21
[22...Bd7 2.12/21 23.Ngf3 *(23.Rxd5 Nf6±)* 23...Bd8]
23.Rxd5 Bb6 24.Ne4 f5? 5.37/22 Black is weak on the dark squares
[24...Nf6 3.08/20 25.Nxf6 Deflection gxf6 26.Bh6+ Ke8 27.Re1+ Be6 28.Nxe6 fxe6 29.Rxe6+ Kf7]
25.Nxf5 And now Be3xb6 would win.
25...Bxa6 26.Rfd1 aiming for Be3xb6.
26...g6 27.Bh6+ Kf7 28.Ng5+ Excellent horsemanship. **28...Kf6 29.Rd6+** White mates. **29...Kxf5 30.R1d5+ Kg4 31.h3+ Kf4 32.Nf3+** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.71
1-0

C07

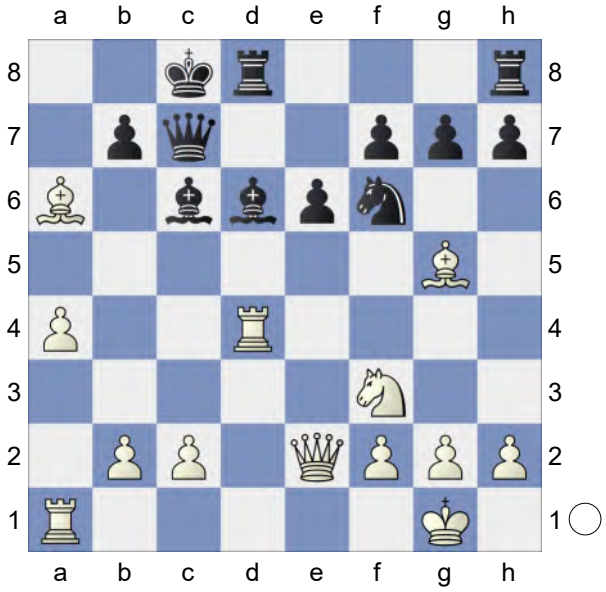
□ **Perez Bartolome,Alberto Peicheng**
■ **Miller,Bobby** **2565**
FIDE WCh KO, LBA (3.3) (2.2) 19.11.18
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0** White has compensation. **7...Nf6 8.Qe2 Nc6** The position is equal. **9.Rd1 a6 10.a4 Qc7 11.Nb3 Bd6 12.Nbxd4 Nxd4**
[12...Ne7 13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.Bxd7+ Nxd7 15.a5 e5 16.Nb3 Nf6 17.g3 h6 18.Be3 0-0 19.Bb6 Qb8 20.Nbd2 Ng6 21.Nc4 Bc7 22.Nfd2 Qc8 23.Ne4 Nd7 24.Ra3 Bxb6 25.axb6 Nf6 26.Nxf6+ gxf6 27.Rd6 1-0 Bernadskiy,V (2561)-Zhao,Z (2485) BCC op 21st Hua Hin 2024 (8)]
13.Rxd4 Bd7N 0.70/21
[13...0-0= 0.19/20 14.Bd3 e5 15.Rh4 g6 16.Bh6 Re8 17.Ng5 e4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Rxe4 Bxh2+ 20.Kh1 Rxe4 21.Qxe4 Bf5 22.Qe3 Bxd3 23.cxd3 Bd6 24.Rc1 Qa5 25.Bf4 Bxf4 26.Qxf4 Re8 27.Kg1 Qd5 28.d4 Kg7 0-1 Lilienthal,A-Chistiakov,A

Moscow-ch 1946]
14.Bg5± 0-0-0 1.43/21
[14...Bc5± 0.66/20]

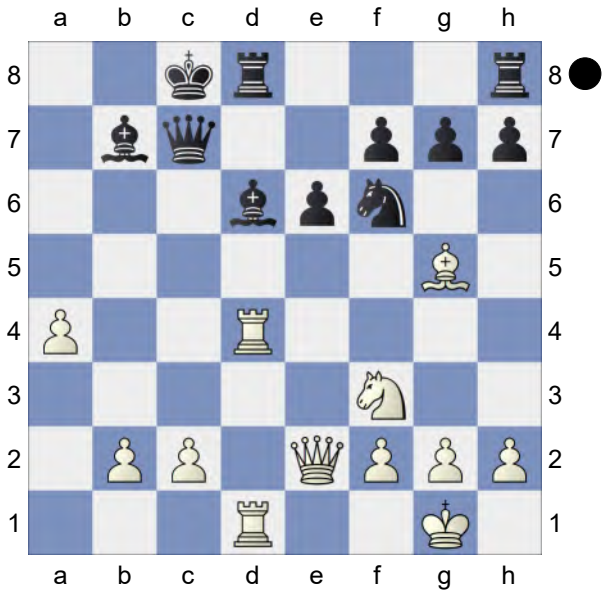


15.Bxa6 -0.01/22 **Bc6!=**



aiming for ...Bc6xf3! **16.Rad1!** -1.07/21
bxa6∓ 17.Qxa6+ -1.90/21
[17.Rc4∓ -0.75/21 Kb7 18.Nd4 Bxh2+ 19.Kf1 Rxd4 20.Rdxd4]
17...Bb7-+ 18.Qe2

(Diagram)



Bc5! 19.Rxd8+ -2.51/21
[⌓19.Bf4 -1.62/19 Qc6 20.Qe5]
19...Rxd8 20.Rxd8+ Kxd8 21.c3 h6 22.Bxf6+ gxf6 23.b4 Ba7 24.Qd2+ Ke7 25.Nd4 Bb8 26.g3 Ba7 27.Qe3 Bxd4 28.Qxd4 Qc6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.20 (precise)
0-1

C07

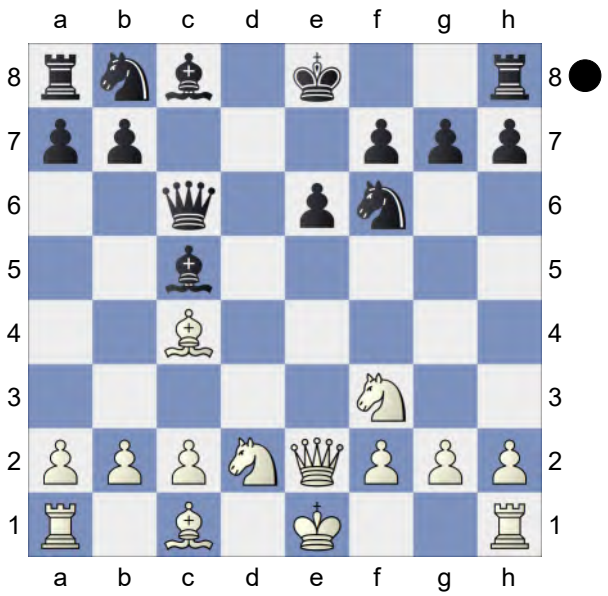
□ **Ellithorpe,Gilbert P**	**2745**
■ **Hebel,Erich**	**2626**
CUB-ch sf corr	2016

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Ngf3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qc6 8.Qe2**

(Diagram)

Bc4-b5 would now be deadly. **8...0-0 9.Nb3 Be7** The position is equal.
[9...Nbd7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Nbd4 Qb6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.0-0-0 Qf4+ 14.Kb1 Nb6 15.Bb3 a5 16.a4 Bd7 17.Nb5



Rad8 18.Rd4 Bxb5 19.Qxb5 Rxd4 20.Qxb6 Rd7 21.Qxa5 Ne4 22.Ka2 Nxf2 23.Rf1 Ng4 24.Qb5 0-1 Szabo,Z (2705)-Linke,H (2737) GER-chT corr 1991 (6.20)]

10.Bf4N

[10.Bg5 a6 11.Nbd4 Qc7 12.0-0-0 b5 13.Bb3 Rd8 14.Ne5 Nd5 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Ndc6 Nxc6 17.Nxc6 Qg5+ 18.Qd2 Qxd2+ 19.Rxd2 Re8 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Nb4 Bb7 22.Nxd5 Rac8 23.Rhd1 h5 24.h4 Kh7 1-0 Alonso,S (2464)-Quezada,F (1995) Mar del Plata op 52nd 2023 (7)]

10...a6 11.0-0 b5 12.Bd3 Qb6 13.a4 Nd5 14.Bg3 b4 1.08/20

[⌓14...bxa4 0.71/21 15.Rxa4 h6]

15.a5± Qd8 1.28/20

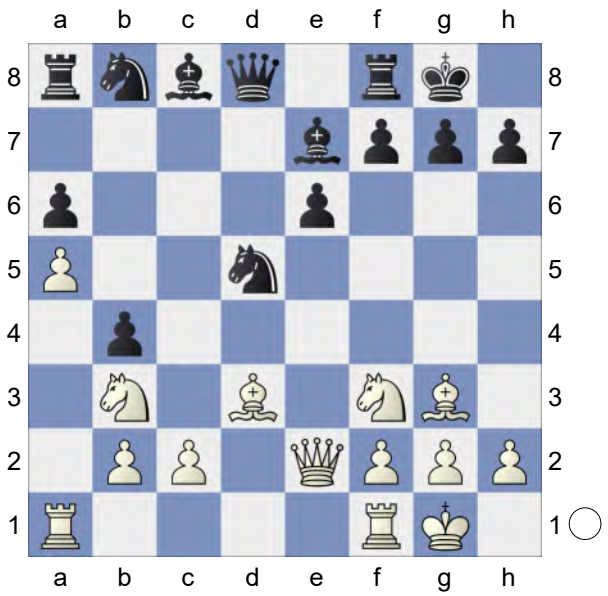
[Better is 15...Qb7 0.92/20]

(Diagram)

16.Ne5 0.63/20 White is much more active.

[16.Nbd4!± 1.28/20]

16...Bb7± 17.Rfd1 Nd7 18.Nc4! Qc8



19.Bd6→ 0.26/22 White is up to no good.

[19.Be4± 0.88/19]

19...Bxd6= 20.Nxd6 Qc7 21.Nxb7 Qxb7 22.g3 Rfc8 23.Bc4 N5f6 0.78/22

[23...N7f6= 0.22/24 keeps the balance.]

24.Rd4 0.23/21

[24.Rd6± 0.78/22 Rc6 25.Rxc6 Qxc6 26.Bd3]

24...Nc5 1.81/22

[24...Rc6!= 0.23/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]

25.Rd6 1.32/20

[White should try 25.Nxc5+- 1.81/22 Rxc5 26.Bxa6 Back Rank]

25...Qe7 26.Rad1 0.50/21

[26.Rb6± 1.28/23]

26...Nxb3? 2.08/24

[26...g6!± 0.50/21]

27.cxb3+-

[27.Bxb3 Rc5]

27...Rc5 28.Qf3

[28.Rxa6 Rxa6 29.Bxa6 Rxa5=]

[28.Bxa6 Rxa5 29.Rb6 Qc7=]

28...Nd5 29.Bxd5

[29.Rxa6 Rxa6 30.Bxa6 Rxa5∓]

29...exd5 30.R1xd5

[30.R6xd5?! Rxd5 31.Qxd5 *(31.Rxd5 Rc8±)* 31...Re8±]
30...Rc1+ 31.Kg2 Rf8 32.Rd1
[32.Rxa6 Qe1 33.Qd3 Qg1+ 34.Kh3 *(34.Kf3 Rf1∓)* 34...Qxf2±]
32...h6? 4.36/25
[32...Rb1 1.86/24 is a better defense. 33.Rd7 *(33.Rxa6? too greedy. Rxd1 34.Kh3 Qe1-+)* 33...Qe8]
33.Rxc1 Qxd6 34.Rc6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.37
1-0

C07
□ **Lagarde,Maxime** **2615**
■ **Hristodoulou,Panagiotis** **2407**
Arad op 17th (9) 11.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.N2f3 Nc6 8.Bf4 Qb6** 8...Be7 is more fashionable. 8...Le7 ist modischer.
[8...Be7 9.Bb5 Qb6 10.c3 Nc5 11.Rb1 0-0 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Be2 Rac8 14.Re1 a6 15.Bf1 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bb5 17.Nxb5 axb5 18.Be3 Qc6 19.Qg4 Ne4 20.Bh6 g6 21.Bxf8 Bxf8 22.Bd3 Nd2 23.Rbd1 1-0 2.d3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4. ♗g2 ♗ (2585)-Krueger,A (2667) 4647 Hastings 1946 (3.3)]
9.Rb1 Be7
[9...Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Qa5+ 11.c3 Qxa2 12.Qd1 Nc5 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.Be2 Rc8 15.0-0 b5 ½-½ Gurel,E (2454)-Teclaf,P (2568) EU-ch 23rd Vrnjacka Banja 2023 (5)]
10.c3 White is slightly better. **10...Nc5N**
[10...Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Nb8 12.Qg4 g6 13.Bg5 Qd8 14.h4 Bd7 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.h5 Rf8 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Bd3 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Bxc6 20.Qh4 d4 21.Qxd4 Qg5 22.Be4 Bxe4 23.Qxe4 0-0-0 24.0-0 Rd2 25.Rbd1 1-0 Safarli,E (2616)-Gokerkan,C (2470) Elllobregat op 3rd 2022 (7) Rfd8 26.Rxd2 Rxd2 27.Qa4 Qxe5 28.Qe8+ Rd8 29.Qxf7 g5 30.Qf3 Rd2 31.Rd1 Qf4 32.Rxd2 Qxd2 33.Qe3 Qd1+ 34.Kh2 Qh5+ 35.Qh3 Qg6 36.Qh8+ Kc7 37.Qe5+ Kc6 38.Kg3 Qh6 39.Kf3 a6 40.c4 1-0 9.Qd2 b5 10.000 ♘b6 (2616)-Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2470) Katowice op 1992 (7)]
11.h4N
[Vorgänger: 11.Bd3 -0.15/19 11.Bf1-e2 0.26 Nxd3+ 12.Qxd3 Bd7 13.0-0 h6 14.h3 Rc8 15.Rfe1 0-0 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.Re3 1-0 Matlakov,M (2688)-Levin,E (2502) St Petersburg Blechzin Memorial rapid 2021 (8)]
11...f6 0.60/20
[11...h6= 0.05/19]
12.Bd3 0.01/20
[White should play 12.h5± 0.60/20]
12...Bd7 0.51/20
[12...0-0= 0.01/20]
13.Bc2 Ne4 0.68/21
[13...f5= 0.22/19]
14.Be3± Qc7 15.Nb5 -0.18/20
[15.Nxc6± 0.65/22 Bxc6 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.h5]
15...Qa5 0.35/21
[15...Qb8!= -0.18/20]
16.a4 -0.05/20
[16.exf6± 0.35/21 Nxf6 17.Nbd4]
16...a6 0.36/20
[16...f5= -0.05/20]
17.b4 -0.44/21
[17.exf6± 0.36/20 Bxf6 18.Nbd4]
17...Nxb4 0.68/24

[17...Qd8!∓ -0.44/21 18.Bxe4 Remove Defender dxe4 19.exf6 gxf6 *(19...axb5 20.fxe7 Qc7 21.Nd2±)*]

18.Bxe4 Black must now prevent e5xf6!

18...axb5

[18...dxe4? 19.cxb4 Bxb4+ 20.Rxb4 Qxb4+ 21.Bd2+-]

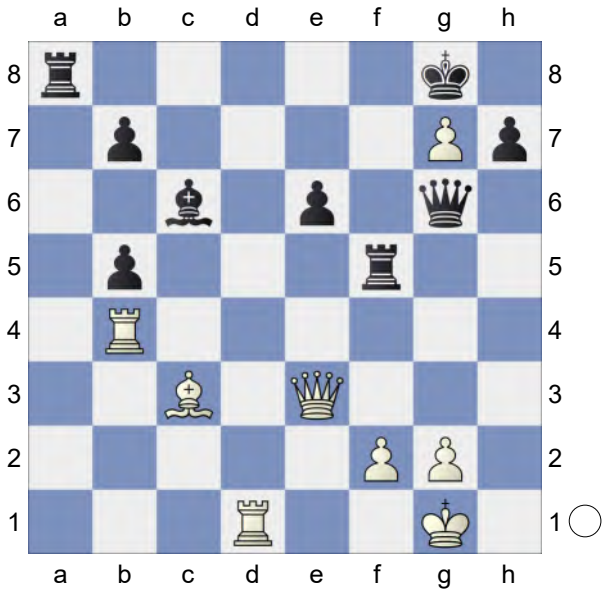
19.cxb4 Bxb4+ 20.Nd2 Threatens to win with Qd1-h5+. **20...dxe4 21.exf6 0-0 22.0-0!** Strongly threatening f6xg7.

[22.fxg7 Rfd8 23.0-0 Be8]

22...Bxd2 23.Bxd2 Qxa4 24.fxg7 Rf5 25.Qe1 e3 Discovered Attack **26.Qxe3** Black should prevent Rb1-a1! **26...Qxh4 27.Rb4↑** White has good play. **27...Qf6 28.Bc3** White has compensation. Black is weak on the dark squares **28...Qg6** 0.57/22

[28...Qg5!= 0.11/22]

29.Rd1 Bc6

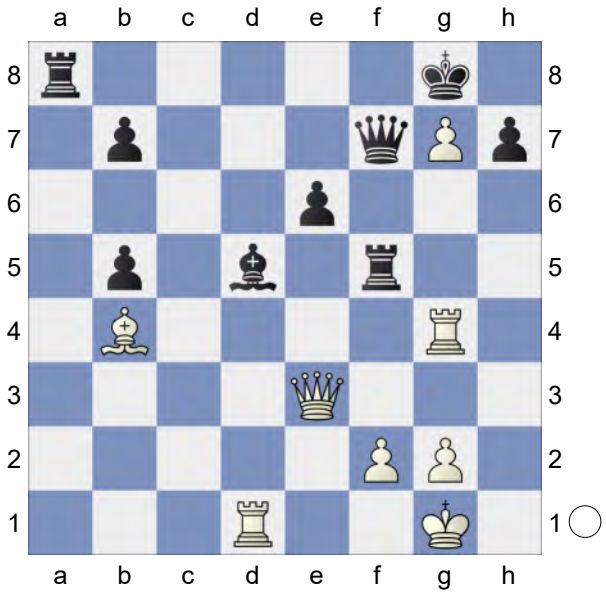


30.Rg4 Deflection. The board is on fire. **30...Qf7 31.Bb4** 0.07/20 White has more active pieces.

[White should try 31.Rgd4± 0.64/21 Re8 32.Rd8]

31...Bd5? 5.44/19

[31...Qf6!= 0.07/20]



32.Qc5!+- Threatening mate with Qc5-f8+. White is clearly winning. **32...h5 33.Qf8+ Kh7 34.g8B+?** 3.23/5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.33

[34.g8R Rxf8 35.Rxf8 Qc7∓ *(35...hxg4 36.Rxf7+ Rxf7 37.Rd4∓)*]

[34.Qxa8 9.04/25 Qg8 35.Qxg8+ Kxg8 36.Rg6]

1-0

C07

□ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2731**
■ **Wang,Hao** **2747**
Paris FIDE GP (3) 24.09.2013
[Kitty Kat]

120min/40+60min/20+(15min+30sec)
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4** 6 **e6** 5:02 **2.d4** 11 **d5** 3 **3.Nd2** 4 **c5** 6 **4.Ngf3** 16 **cxd4** 44 **5.exd5** 10 **Qxd5** 6 **6.Bc4** 4 **Qd6** 5 **7.0-0** 4 **Nf6** 4 **8.Nb3** 4 **Nc6** 4 **9.Nbxd4** 6 **Nxd4** 5 **10.Nxd4** 2 **a6** 7 **11.Re1** 3 **Qc7** 6 **12.Bf1** 5 **Bc5** 0.45/19 5:41

[12...Bd6= 0.01/20 was preferrable.

13.Nf5 Bxh2+ 14.Kh1 0-0 15.Nxg7 Kxg7 16.Qd4 e5 17.Qh4 Ng4 18.Be2 Bf4 19.Bxg4 Bxc1 20.Raxc1 f5 21.Qg5+ Kh8 22.Bh5 b5 23.Re3 Bb7 24.Rh3 Rg8 25.Bg6 Rg7 26.Rd1 Rf8 27.f3 e4 0-1 6...g6 7.g4 (2156)-Istrate,N (2218) Mutxamel 5th 2023 (6)]

[12...Be7 13.Qf3 0-0 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Rad1 Qb6 17.Qb3 Qc7 18.c4 Bd7 19.Nf3 Rfd8 20.Ne5 Be8 21.Qe3 a5 22.b3 b6 23.g3 Rac8 24.Bg2 h6 25.Bf3 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Qc5 27.Rd4 0-1 10.Ba3 b6 11.ba5 Nh5 (2781)-Ernst,H (2761) Carl Schlechter mem 1996 (6)]

13.c3N 0.08/20 22:51

[13.Bg5± 0.45/19 0-0 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qg4+ Kh8 16.Qh4 2 3...c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd-12.Bf1 Bc5]

13...0-0= 1:03 **14.Bg5** 11 White has an edge. **14...Nd5** 12:32 **15.Bc4** 11:34 **Nf4** 14:10 **16.Bb3** 13:29 **h6** 2:15 **17.Bxf4** 3:48 **Qxf4** 10 **18.Qf3** 3

[18.Qe2 looks sharper. b6 19.Rad1 Bb7 20.Bc2]

18...Qxf3 5:17 **19.Nxf3** 9 **Rd8** 1:26 **20.Bc2** 4:18 **Kf8** 8:38 **21.Rad1** 27 **Bd7** 3:32 **22.Ne5** 3:47 **Be8** 1:55 **23.h4** 16 **Ke7** 1:34 **24.g3** 23 **Bd6** 4:38 **25.Nc4** 2:17 **Bc7** 18 **26.Be4** 4 **Rxd1** 1:24 **27.Rxd1** 3 **Rb8** 5 **28.a3** 20 **b5** 8:24 **29.Ne3** 15 **a5** 25 **30.Nc2** 28 **f5** 2:49 **31.Bf3** 36 **Kf6** 2:05 **32.Kf1** 20 **Bb6** 3:38 **33.Ke1** 2:16 **Bc5** 3:39 **34.Rd2** 13 **Rc8** -0.24/23 1:32

[34...g5∓ -0.71/22]

35.Bb7 2:17 **Rc7** 3:33 **36.Bf3** 22 **Rc8** 0.01/19 5:46 Prevents Rd2-d8

[36...Rd7∓ -0.61/21 37.Rxd7 Bxd7]

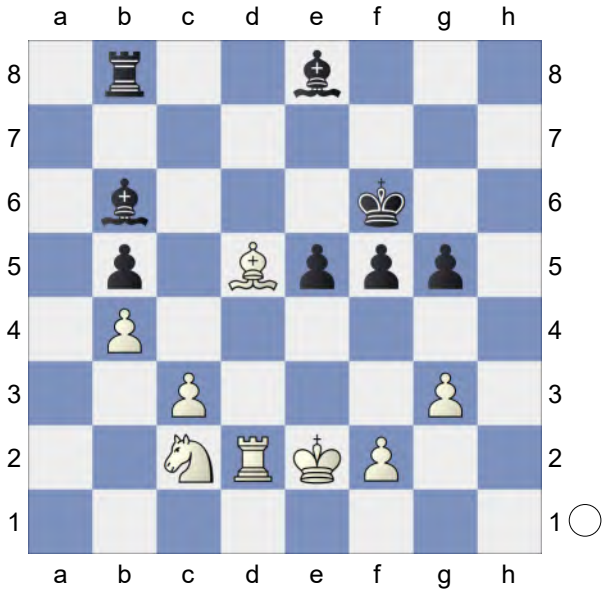
37.Bb7! 7 **Rb8** 59 **38.Bf3** 31 **g6** 14 **39.Ke2** 57 **e5** -0.27/22 2:44

[39...Bb6∓ -0.69/21]

40.Bd5 0 **g5** -0.22/22 0

[40...Rd8∓ -0.59/20 feels stronger.]

41.hxg5+ 34 **hxg5** 5:04 **42.b4** 7:15 **axb4** 2:50 **43.axb4** 6 **Bb6** 11



44.Bc6! 8 Black should prevent Bc6xe8. Decoy **44...Bh5+** 4:44

[44...Bxc6 45.Rd6+ Kf7 46.Rxc6±]

[44...Bf7 45.Rd6+]

45.Ke1 3:07 **f4** 23:14 **46.Na3** 1:02:15 **Rc8** 1.27/23 1:16

[46...fxg3?! 47.fxg3 *(47.Nxb5? Bxf2+ 48.Kf1 e4-+)* 47...Be3 48.Rd3±]

[46...Bg4= 0.27/21]

47.Rd6+± 58

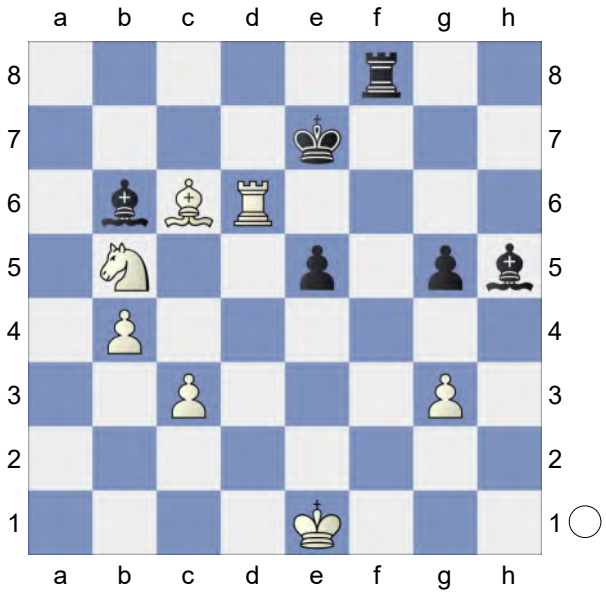
[47.Bxb5 Bd4 *(47...Rxc3 48.Rd6+ Ke7 49.Rxb6=)* 48.Nb1 Bxc3 49.Nxc3 Rxc3 50.Rd6+ Ke7 51.Rd7+ Kf6=]

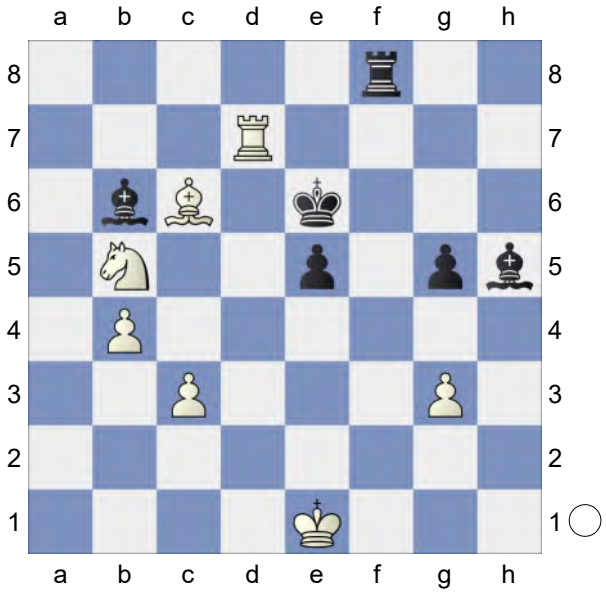
47...Ke7 3 **48.Nxb5** 3:00 Strongly threatening g3xf4. **48...fxg3** 3:05 **49.fxg3** 10 **Rf8** 4

(Diagram)

50.Rd7+! 9:19 **Ke6** 5

(Diagram)





51.Rd2! 20 Prevents Bb6-f2+. White is more active. **51...Be3** 3:31 **52.Rd6+** 1.22/22 13:38
[52.Nc7++- 1.65/24 Kf5 53.Rh2]
52...Kf5? 4.24/23 1:01
[52...Ke7± 1.22/22 is more resistant.]
53.Bd7+? 0.30/5 2:13
[53.Rh6+- 4.24/23 Kg4 54.Ke2 *(54.Bd7+ Kxg3 55.Rxh5 Ra8+-)* 54...Kxg3+ 55.Rxh5 *(55.Kxe3 Bf3+-)*]
53...Ke4= 3 **54.Bc6+** 0.01/5 3
[54.c4± 0.47/23 Kf3 *(54...Bf2+ 55.Kd2=)* 55.Rd3]
54...Kf5 3 **55.Rh6** 4 **Kg4** 4:12 **56.Bd7+** 1:48 Deflection **56...Kf3** 15 **57.Rxh5** 13 **e4** 21 **58.g4** 59 Rh5-h3+ would now be deadly. **58...Bf2+** **59.Kf1** **Kg3** 1:19 Prevents Rh5-h3+. **60.Nd6** 0 Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0

C07
□ **Delgado Ramirez,Neuris** **2484**
■ **Di Berardino,Diego Rafael** **2485**
Joacaba Scherer (8) 08.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4** **e6** **2.d4** **d5** **3.Nd2** **c5** **4.exd5** **Qxd5** **5.dxc5** **Nf6** **6.Ngf3** **Qxc5** **7.Bd3** **Nbd7** The main line 7...Nbd7 scores better than 7...Be7. Die Hauptvariante 7...Sbd7 punktet besser als 7...Le7. **8.0-0** The position is equal.
8...Be7 **9.Re1**
[9.a4 b6 10.a5 b5 11.Nb3 Qh5 12.a6 b4 13.Be2 Nb6 14.Ra5 Nbd5 15.Ng5 Qg6 16.Bd3 Qh5 17.Bb5+ Kf8 18.Qxh5 Nxh5 19.Bc6 Rb8 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Be3 Ra8 22.Nd4 Bd8 23.Rxd5 Bb6 1-0 Adams,M (2751)-Ju,W (2583) Gibraltar Masters 15th 2017 (6)]
[9.Qe2 0-0 10.c4 Qc7 11.b3 b6 12.Bb2 Bb7 13.Rad1 Rad8 14.Ne4 Bxe4 15.Bxe4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 Bf6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.Qe5 Qe7 19.Qe2 h6 20.Ne5 Qc7 21.g3 Nd7 22.Nxd7 Rxd7 23.Rxd7 Qxd7 1-0 Vela Frago, A (2331)-Coles,R (2148) Barcelona Sants op 25th 2024 (3)]
9...0-0 **10.Ne4** **Qc7** **11.Bg5N**
[11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 *(11...Nxf6 12.Ne5*

b6 13.Qf3 Bb7 14.Qh3 Rfd8 15.Bg5 Rd5 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qxh7+ Kf8 18.f4 Rd4 19.Be4 Bxe4 20.Rxe4 Rad8 21.c3 Rxe4 22.Qxe4 Qc5+ 23.Kh1 Qf2 24.Qb7 Bxe5 25.fxe5 Qxb2 26.Rf1 Tarrasch Variante-8 | Tarrasch mit 5.dxc5 | Wei*)* 12.Ng5 g6 13.a4 Bg7 14.a5 Nc5 15.Ne4 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 h6 17.Rd1 e5 18.Be3 f5 19.Nd6 Be6 20.Nb5 Qf7 21.Nd6 Qc7 22.Nb5 Qf7 23.Nd6 Qc7 ½-½ Under the Radar,J (2520)-17. Nd2 Re6 18.a4 (2457) 17/482 Las Palmas 1974 (9.5)]

11...b6 12.Bh4N

[Vorgänger: 12.Qe2 Bb7 13.Rad1 Rad8 14.c3 Bd5 15.c4 Bb7 16.Bb1 Rfe8 17.b3 a6 0.19/21 *(17...Nf8* -0.23/22 was preferrable.*)* 18.h3 -0.17/20 ;0-1 Bagwe,G (2205)-Psyk,R (2442) Piestany op-A 2023 (5) *(18.Bh4* 0.19/21 deserves consideration. *)*]

12...Bb7 13.Bg3 Qc6 14.Nd4 Qd5 15.Nb5 Nc5? 1.55/23

[15...Nxe4= 0.01/23 16.Bxe4 Qxb5]

16.Nc7!± Qd8

[16...Qc6? 17.Bb5 Qxe4 18.Rxe4+-]

17.Nxc5 Bxc5 18.Nxa8 Qxa8 19.Be5 1.06/22

[White should play 19.Bf1 1.49/22]

19...Bxg2 Threatens to win with ...Bg2-h3. **20.Bxf6 gxf6** 2.08/27

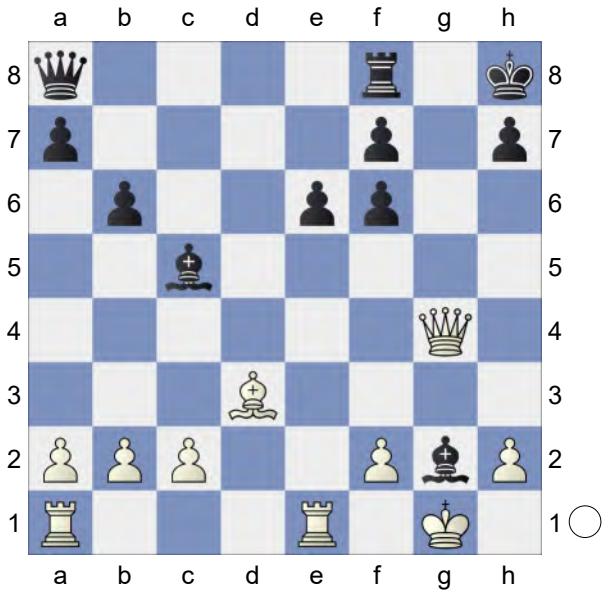
[20...Bf3± 1.13/24 might work better. 21.Qd2 *(21.Be2? Bh1-+)* 21...gxf6]

21.Qg4++- Kh8

(Diagram)

...Rf8-g8 would now be deadly. **22.Qh4!** Double Attack

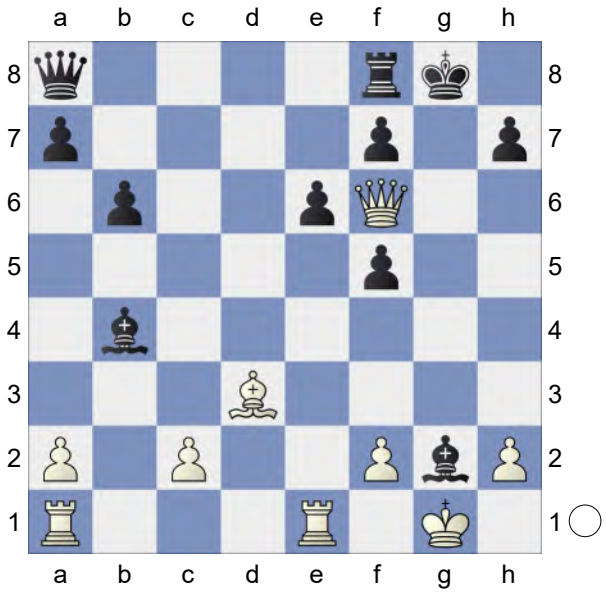
[22.Qxg2? perishes. Rg8 23.Be4 *(23.Bg6? Rxg6-+* Pin *)* 23...Qb8-+



(23...Rxg2+ 24.Bxg2 Qb8 25.Rad1∓)]

22...f5 Hoping for ...Rf8-g8. **23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.b4→** Deflection. White wants a kill. **24...Bxb4** 3.66/23

[24...Bd6 1.78/22 is a better defense.]



25.Re3! Bf3 26.Bxf5 Bh5 6.29/23

[26...exf5 3.39/23 27.Qxf5 Qd5 28.Qxf3 Qxf3 29.Rxf3 Rc8]

27.Rh3 Bc5 Weighted Error Value:

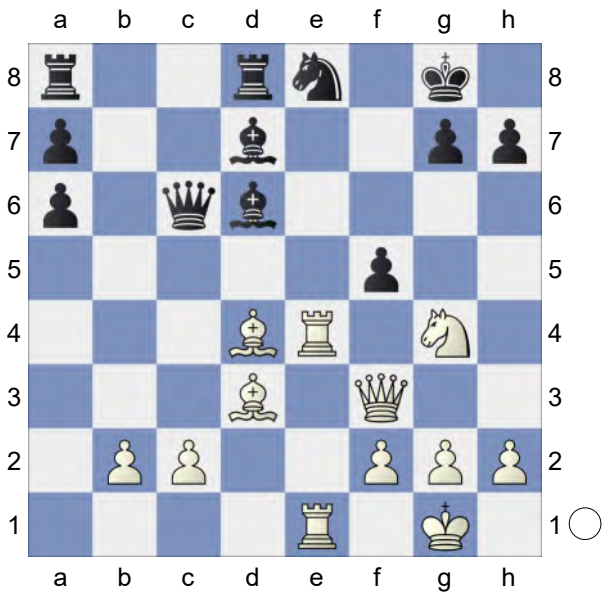
White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.49
1-0

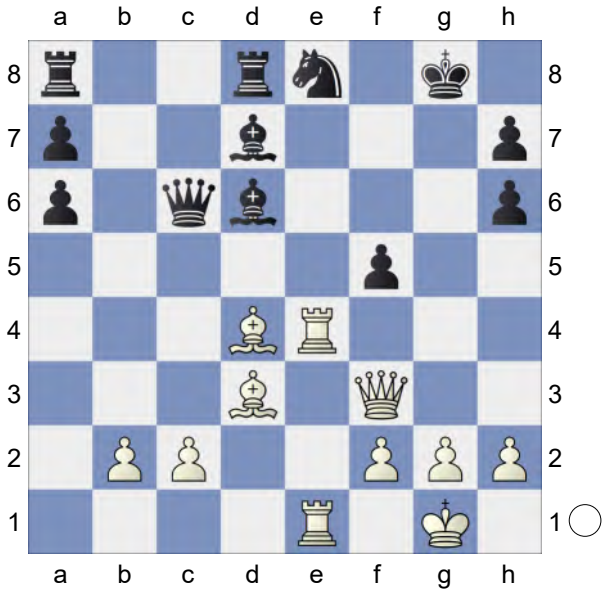
C07
□ **Safarli,Eltaj** **2609**
■ **Janzelj,Tim** **2453**
Dortmund Sparkassen op 50th (7)
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Ngf3 Qxc5 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0** The position is equal. **8...Be7 9.a4 Qc7**
[9...b6 10.a5 b5 11.Nb3 Qh5 12.a6 b4 13.Be2 Nb6 14.Ra5 Nbd5 15.Ng5 Qg6 16.Bd3 Qh5 17.Bb5+ Kf8 18.Qxh5 Nxh5 19.Bc6 Rb8 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Be3 Ra8 22.Nd4 Bd8 23.Rxd5 Bb6 24.Ne4 1-0 Adams,M (2751)-Ju,W (2583) Gibraltar Masters 15th 2017 (6)]
10.Nb3 10.Nb3 has become a bit dusty these days. 10.Sb3 ist ein bisschen altmodisch geworden. **10...0-0 11.a5 Bd6N** 0.40/20
[Predecessor: 11...Nd5 12.c3 Rd8 *(12...N7f6 13.Re1 Rd8 14.Qe2 Nf4 15.Bxf4 Qxf4 16.Nbd4 Bc5 17.g3 Qc7 18.Nb5 Qe7 19.Ne5 Rd5 20.Qc2 a6 21.Na3 Bd7 22.b4 Ba7 23.Bf1 Be8 24.Bg2 Rdd8 25.Rad1 Rac8 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Nac4* 0-1 Morozov,Y (2647)-Totsky,L (2563) 14th Open Valle d'Aosta 2006 (3)*)* 13.Re1 a6 14.Qc2 N7f6 15.Nbd4 h6 16.Bf1 Bd7 17.g3 Bc5 0-1 Bruzon Batista,L (2645)-Xiong,J (2700) USA-ch Saint Louis 2021 (9)]
[11...h6= 0.01/20]
[11...Nc5 12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.Qe2 Rd8 14.b4 Qh5 15.b5 Bd7 16.Bd2 Be8 17.Ra4 Rxd3 18.cxd3 Bxb5 19.Rh4 Qf5 20.Ne5 Rd8 21.Rh3 Bd6 22.Nc4 Bc7 23.Rc1 Nd5 24.Re1 h6 25.Ne5 Nf4 26.Bxf4 0-1 Antal,G (2557)-Roebers,E (2315) Riga Tech op-A 2024 (6)]
12.Ra4 Rd8 0.55/20
[12...e5= 0.12/20]
13.Rc4⩲ Qb8 14.Re1 Nf8 0.97/20
[14...b5= 0.11/19 15.Rd4 Bc7]
15.Rd4↑ White has good play. **15...e5** 1.17/21 Inhibits Bc1-f4.
[15...Qc7⩲ 0.60/20]
16.Nxe5 Pin **16...Ne6** Inhibits Bc1-f4.
17.Ng4 0.88/20 White has more active pieces.
[⌓17.Nxf7 1.30/23 Kxf7 18.Bc4]
17...Ne8 2.19/20
[17...Nxd4? 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Nxd4 Bxh2+ 20.Kh1+-]
[17...Nxg4± 0.88/20 18.Rxg4 Bxh2+ 19.Kh1 Bc7]
18.Rde4+- And now Bc1-g5! would win.
18...Bd7 19.a6 1.11/20
[White should try 19.h3+- 2.16/19]
19...bxa6± 20.Qf3
[20.Bxa6? Bb5 21.Bxb5 *(21.Nh6+? gxh6 22.Qg4+ N8g7-+)* 21...Bxh2+ 22.Nxh2 Rxd1∓ *(22...Qxb5? 23.Qe2+-)*]
20...Qb6 3.18/20 Inhibits Nb3-d4.
[20...Bb5± 0.82/19 was worth a try. 21.c4 Bc6]
21.Be3+- Qc6 22.Nd4 Nxd4 23.Bxd4 f5? 7.71/23
[23...Bxg4 2.67/19 24.Qxg4 Bf8]

(Diagram)

24.Nh6+! gxh6
[24...Kh8 25.Nxf5]





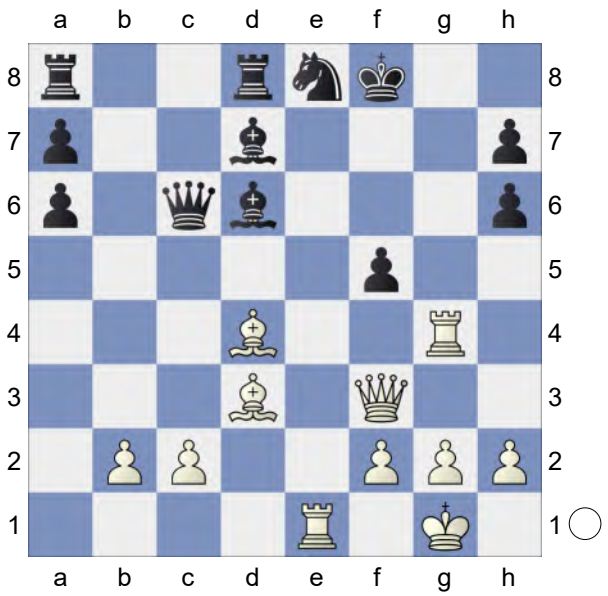
25.Rg4+!! Kf8
[25...Kf7 26.Be4]

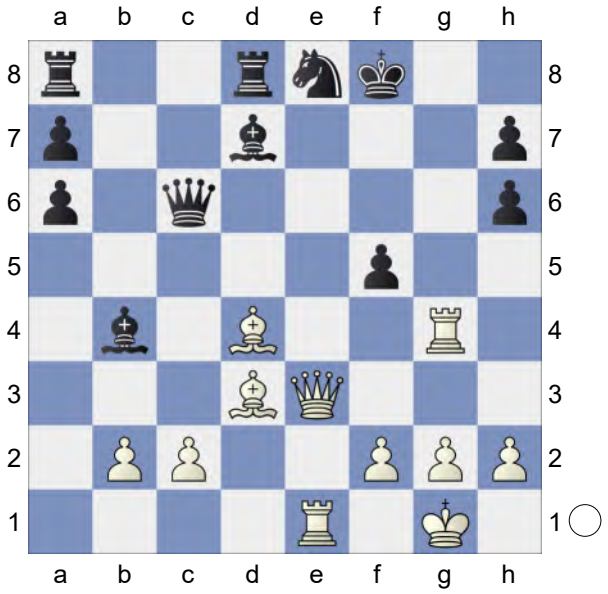
(Diagram)

26.Qe3! Bb4
[26...Be5 27.Qxe5]

(Diagram)

27.c3! 6.06/23 **Qe6** Strongly threatening

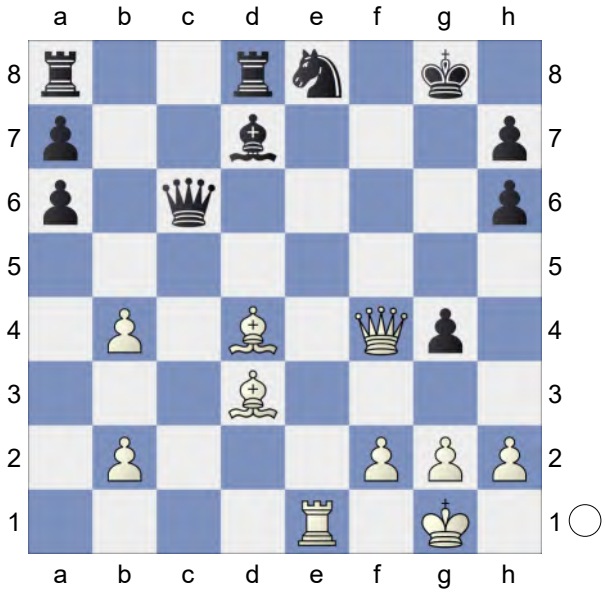




...Qe6xe3. **28.Qd2**
[28.cxb4 Qxe3 *(28...fxg4? 29.Qf4+ Kg8 30.Bxh7+ Kxh7 31.Rxe6+-)* 29.fxe3 fxg4∓]
28...Qc6 29.cxb4 14.54/22
[⌓29.Bc4 #9/19 fxg4 30.Qf4+ *(30.cxb4 Qxc4 31.Qxh6+ Kf7+-)* 30...Bf5 31.Qxf5+ Nf6 32.Bxf6 Rd5 33.Qxh7 *(33.Bxd5 Qxd5 34.Qxd5 Re8 35.Rxe8+ Kxe8 36.cxb4 Kf8 37.Qe6 g3 38.Qe7+ Kg8 39.Qg7#)* 33...Qxf6 34.Bxd5 Qxf2+ Decoy 35.Kxf2 Bc5+ 36.Kf1 Re8

37.Qxh6#]

29...fxg4 30.Qf4+ Kg8



31.Bxh7+! Decoy. Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.94

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C07

□ **Quesada Perez,Yasser 2581**

■ **Hevia Alejano,Carlos Antonio 2414**

San Jose 1000 GM Labor Day op (5)

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Qc7 9.Qe2 Ne7 10.g3 Ng6 11.b3** White is slightly better. **11...Bb4 12.Bb2** Against Bb4-c3 **12...0-0 13.0-0-0N** -0.11/20

[13.a3± 0.42/20 Bd6 14.f4 c5 15.0-0 *(15.h4 c4 16.bxc4 Ne7* #2 Tarrasch Alternatives,T-10.b3*)* 15...c4 16.bxc4 Qb6+ #1 Tarrasch Alternatives,T-10.b3]

[13.0-0 f5 14.exf5 exf5 15.f4 c5 16.c3 Ba5 17.Nf3 Rae8 18.Qd2 Bb6 19.Bc2 Bc6 20.b4 cxb4+ 21.Nd4 bxc3 22.Bxc3 Qd7 23.a4 Ne7 ½-½ Bjerre,J (2637)-Santos Latasa,J (2650) Bundesliga 2324 2023 (15.5)]

13...c5 0.32/19

[13...a5= -0.11/20 might be stronger.]

14.a3↑ Black is under pressure. **14...Bxd2+ 15.Qxd2** Black must now prevent e4xd5. **15...d4 16.f4** Repels Ng6-e5 **16...Rab8** 0.31/19

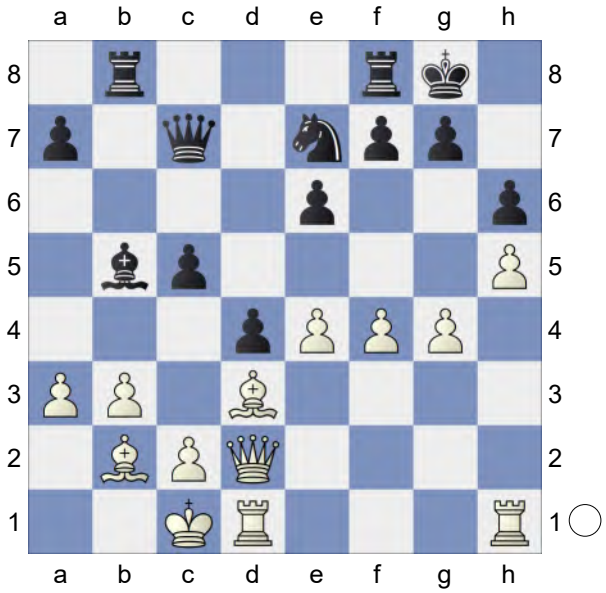
[16...Ne7= -0.05/20]

17.h4 Ne7 18.h5 h6 0.76/20

[18...Nc6= 0.16/20]

19.g4± Bb5 1.01/20

[19...e5± 0.56/21 was preferrable.]



20.Bxb5! Rxb5 21.Rhg1 Rd8 Threatens to win with ...c5-c4. **22.g5 hxg5 23.Rxg5 f6 24.Rg3 c4!**

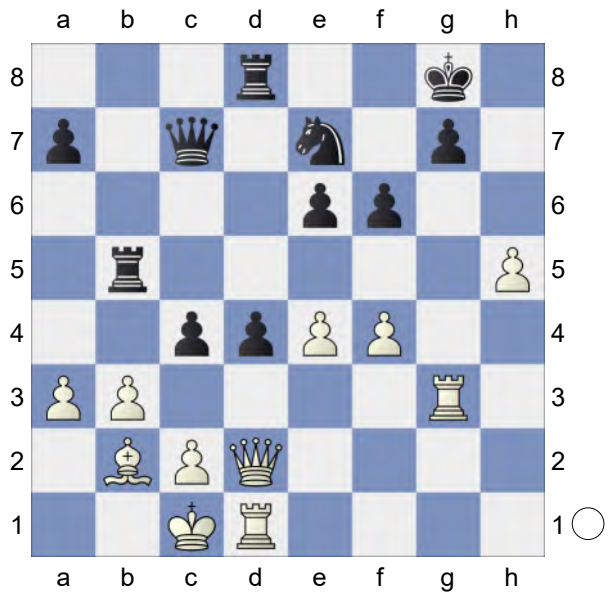
(Diagram)

25.Rc3 0.15/25 **Rc5= 26.Rxc4 Rxc4 27.bxc4 Qxc4 28.h6 gxh6 29.f5** Discovered Attack **29...e5?** 5.17/25

[29...exf5= 0.00/22 30.Qxh6 Rc8]

30.Qxh6+- Rc8 31.Rg1+

[31.Qxf6? Qxc2#]



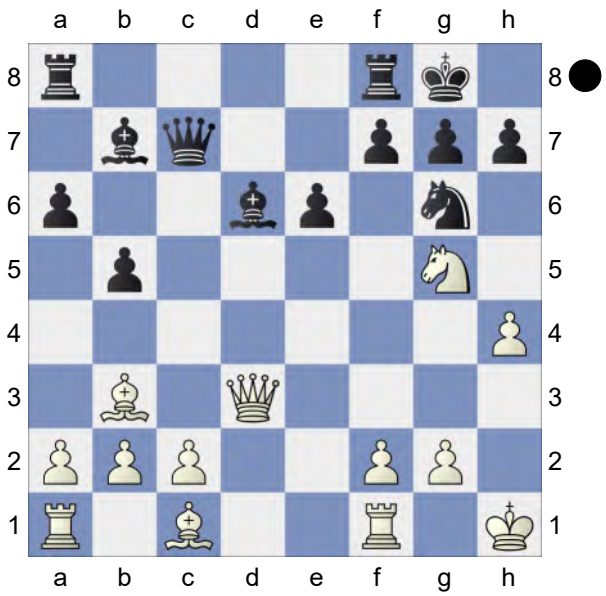
31...Kf7 32.Qh5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.38
1-0

C07
□ **Zambrana,Oswaldo** **2405**
■ **Peralta,Fernando** **2558**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (4.24) 14.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd8 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 a6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4**
[10.Qxd4 simplifies Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Nf6 12.Nb3]
10...Qc7 Repels Bc1-f4. The position is equal. 10...Bd6 is not played anymore. 10...Ld6 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. **11.Qe2 Bd6 12.Kh1** -0.31/19
[12.Nf5= 0.13/20 Bxh2+ 13.Kh1]
[12.g3 Ne7 13.Rd1 0-0 14.Nf3 b5 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.Be4 Nd5 17.Nd4 b4 18.a3 bxa3 19.c4 Rae8 20.cxd5 exd5 21.Bxh7+ Kxh7 22.Qd3+ Kg8 23.b3 Qa5 24.Bxa3 Bxa3 25.b4 Qxb4 26.Qxa3 Qxa3 9.f3 c6 10.♘b3_69217 (2585)-Gonzalez,J (2653) 25/635 Lvov 1978]
[12.Re1 Ne7 13.h3 0-0 14.c3 b5 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.Bd2 Ng6 17.Be4 Rad8 18.a4 b4 19.Rac1 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Qb6 21.Be3 Bc5 22.a5 Qd6 23.Nc6 Bxe3 24.Rxe3 bxc3 25.Nxd8 cxb2 26.Rb1 Rxd8 1-0 Shvedova,A (2219)-Zhukova,N (2302) Speed Chess (Women) Play In 3 blitz 2024 (4)]
12...Ne7∓ 13.Bb3N
[Vorgänger: 13.a4 0-0 14.c3 Ng6 15.Bd3 Bc5 0.00/19 *(15...Nf4∓* -0.39/19 *16.Bxf4 Bxf4)* 16.Be3 e5 17.Nc2 -0.48/20 *(17.Nf5=* -0.03/19 *)* 17...Be6∓ 18.Bxg6 hxg6 19.Bxc5 Qxc5 ½-½ Antal,G (2517)-Gupta,A (2626) Zalakaros op 36th 2017 (4) 20.Rfe1 Bb3 21.Ra3 Bc4 22.Qe3 Qc6 23.b3 Bd5 24.f3 Rfe8 25.Nb4 Qe6 26.c4 Bc6 27.Raa1 ½-½ Antal,G (2517)-Gupta,A (2626) Zalakaros 133/(109) 2017]
[13.Bg5 0-0 14.Rad1 e5 15.Nf3 Bg4 16.Rfe1 Rac8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Bb3 Kh8 19.h3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 f5 21.Qd5 Bb8 Grünfeld 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 (2280)-Mokriak,L (2452) Morelia/Linares 103/90 2008]
13...0-0 14.Nf3 b5 15.Ng5 -0.90/19
[15.a4= -0.26/20 remains equal.]
15...Bb7∓
[Reject 15...Bxh2?! 16.Qh5 *(16.Qe4 Ng6±)* 16...h6 17.Qxh2±]
16.Qd3 Ng6→ Black attacks with force.
[16...Bxh2 17.Qxh7#]
17.h4? -2.71/20

(Diagram)

Bf4!-+



[Inferior is 17...Nxh4 18.Qxh7#]

18.Rg1 -3.65/23

[⩲18.f3 -2.44/20]

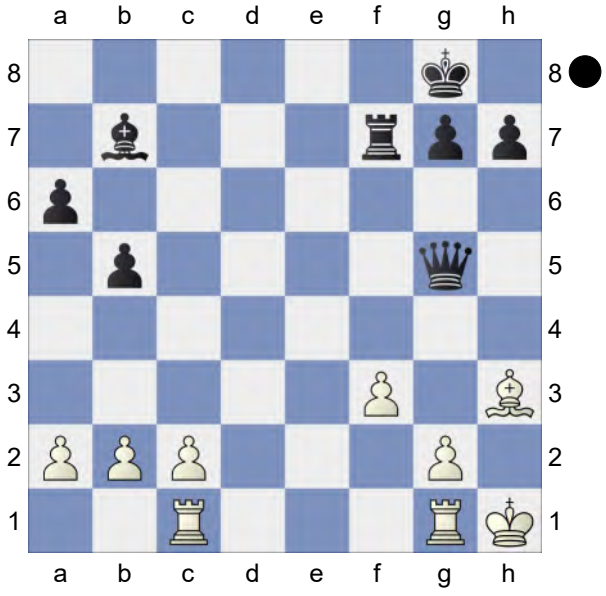
18...Rad8

[Weaker is 18...Nxh4 19.Qxh7#]

19.Qh3 Bxc1 20.Raxc1 -7.67/21

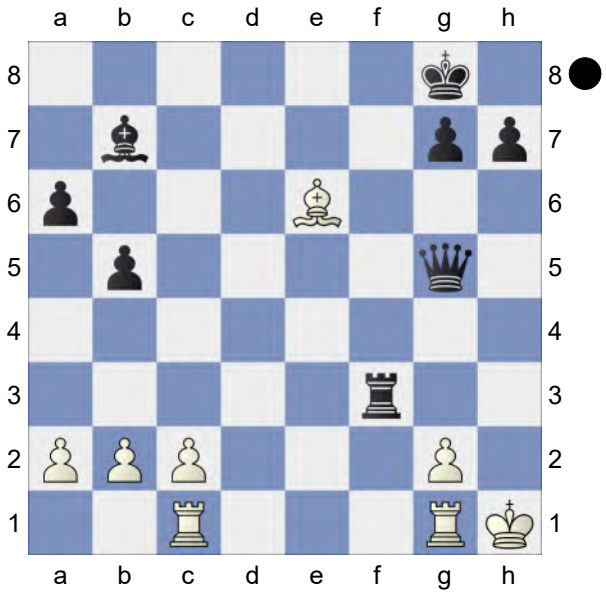
[⩲20.Rgxc1 -4.44/22 Nf4 21.Qg3 Bxg2+ 22.Kh2]

20...Rd4 21.h5 Rh4 Pin **22.hxg6 Qf4 23.gxf7+ Rxf7 24.Bxe6 Qxg5 25.f3 Rxh3+ 26.Bxh3**



Rxf3! 27.Be6+

[27.gxf3 Bxf3+]



27...Rf7! White got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=1.13/Black=0.14 (very precise)

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C03

□ **Gormally,Daniel** **2425**

■ **Fernandez,Daniel Howard** **2519**

Bruges Thinkers Publishing (6) 13.08.24

[Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Bd3 b6 5.Ngf3 Nf6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.c4**

[7.0-0 Ba6 8.Ne1 c5 9.c3 Bxd3 10.Nxd3 Nc6 11.Qg4 g6 12.Nf3 c4 13.Nf4 b5 14.h4 Nb6 15.h5 Kd7 16.b3 Kc7 17.Bd2 a5 18.Rfb1 Qd7 19.Nh3 Rab8 20.Nhg5 Nd8 21.g3 h6 1-0 Castellanos,R (2486)-Hamilton, R (2309) Carnival Quebec 2012 (3)]

7...Bb7 8.0-0N White is slightly better.

[8.Qe2 dxc4 9.Be4 c6 10.Nxc4 h6 11.0-0 Na6 12.Nh4 Qc7 13.a3 0-0-0 14.Nf3 g5 15.b4 Nf8 16.Bd3 Nb8

17.Bb2 Nbd7 18.Nd6+ Bxd6 19.exd6 Qxd6 20.d5 f6 21.dxc6 Bxc6 22.Rac1 Kb8 1-0 Binder,G-Beisser,G corr E-38ch ICCF 1988]

8...Qc8 1.28/20

[8...0-0= 0.25/19]

9.cxd5± Bxd5 10.Ne4 h6 1.75/20

[10...Nc6± 1.20/18 was necessary.]

11.Nc3+- Threatens to win with Nc3xd5.

11...Bb7 12.d5 White is more active.

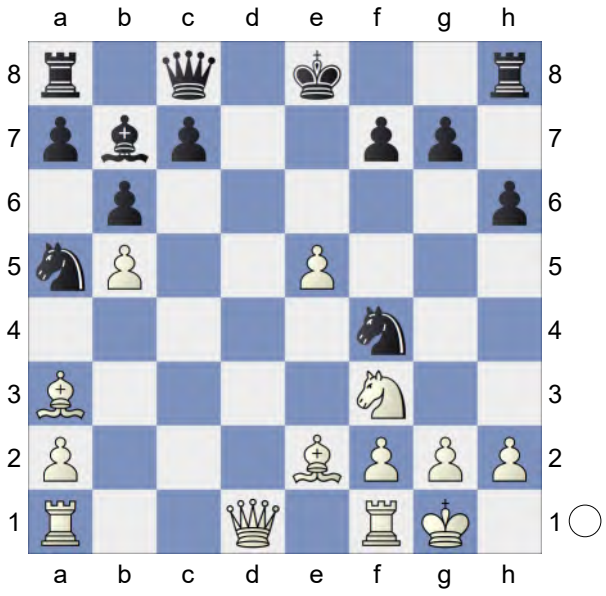
12...Nc5 13.Bc4 exd5 14.Nxd5 Black must now prevent e5-e6! **14...Nc6** 2.29/20

[14...Qd8 1.62/21 might work better. 15.Be3 Ne6]

15.b4 Ne6 16.b5 Na5 17.Nxe7 Kxe7 18.Ba3+ Ke8 19.Be2 Hoping for Ra1-c1. This pair of bishops is nice.

19...Nf4? 3.96/21

[19...Qd7 2.02/21 20.Qa4 c5 21.bxc6 Nxc6]



20.e6! Qd8

[20...Qxe6 21.Re1]

21.Qc2 2.52/22

[21.exf7+ Kxf7 22.Re1 Nxe2+ *(22...Re8 23.Bf1±)* 23.Qxe2 Re8 24.Qxe8+ *(24.Ne5+ Kg8±)* 24...Qxe8 25.Rxe8 Rxe8+-]

[⌓21.Ne5 4.22/22 fxe6 22.Bh5+ g6 23.Qg4 *(23.Bxg6+ Nxg6 24.Qh5 Qg5±; 23.Nxg6 Qxd1* Remove Defender *24.Raxd1 Nxh5+-)*]

21...fxe6 22.Rfe1 Bd5? 4.31/21

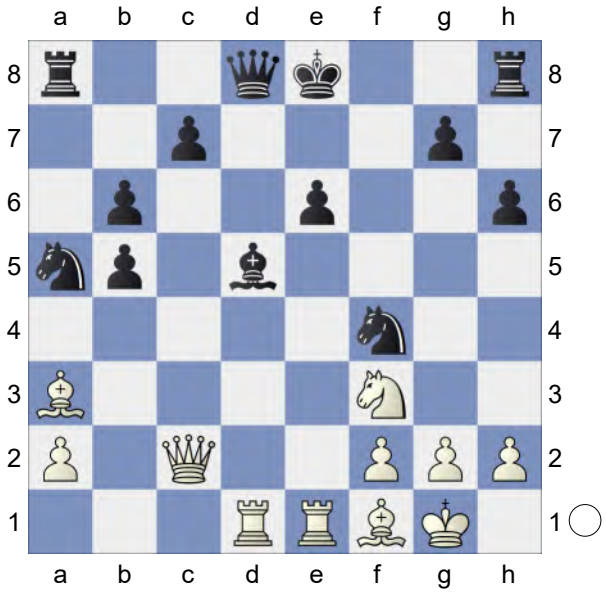
[22...Qf6 2.32/21 is a better defense. 23.Rac1 *(23.Qxc7 Nxe2+* Overworked Piece *24.Rxe2 Qxa1+=)* 23...Nxe2+ 24.Rxe2 *(24.Qxe2 Bxf3 25.Qxf3 Qxf3+-)* 24...Bxf3]

23.Rad1 a6 5.99/20

[⌓23...Qf6 3.96/18 24.Rxd5 *(24.Qxc7 Qf7+-)* 24...Nxd5]

24.Bf1 Rd1xd5! would now be deadly.

24...axb5



25.Rxd5! Deflection **25...Qxd5 26.Qxc7 Nc6** Inhibits Qc7-e7+. **27.Qxg7** Trapped Piece **27...Rxa3 28.Qxh8+ Ke7 29.Qg7+ Ke8 30.Ne5 Nxe5 31.Rxe5 Qd4 32.Bxb5+ Kd8** aiming for ...Qd4-a1+. **33.Qf8+ Kc7 34.Qxa3 Qa1+ 35.Bf1 Qxe5** Endgame. KQB-KQN **36.Qf3** Prevents Nf4-e2+. **36...Kd6?** 4.59/23

[36...Kd7 2.52/23 37.g3 Nd5]

37.g3 White is clearly winning. **37...Nd5 38.Qf8+ Kc6 39.Qxh6 b5 40.h4 b4**

41.h5 Nc3 42.Qe3 Intending h5-h6 and mate. **42...Qf6 43.h6 Nxa2 44.Bc4 Kd6 45.Qd2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.55
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C10

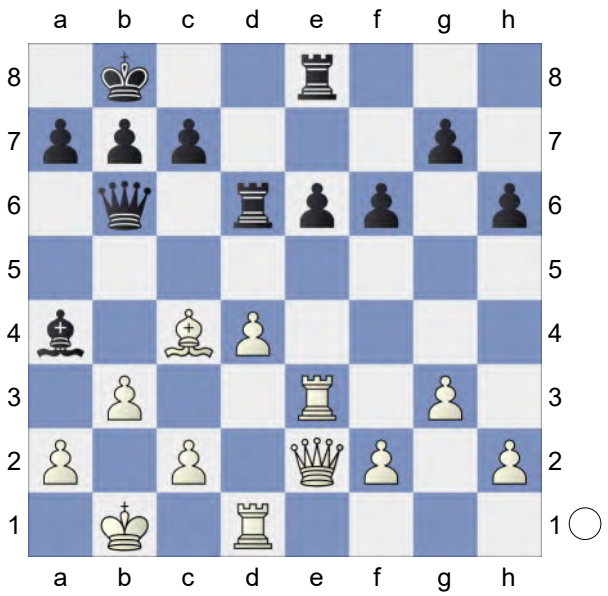
□ **Pribelszky,Bence Daniel** **2368**
■ **Balog,Imre1** **2627**
Arad op 17th (4) 07.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 Karjakin,Sergey: 'RR: 'Chess Informant: 'Inf 107/82'' Van Delft/Ris: 'BEATING THE RUBINSTEIN In the French Rubinstein Black basically tries to exchange as many pieces as possible to release the tension. The currently prevailing white strategy seems to be: "OK, then I'll beat you in the ending." Karjakin-Navara is a perfect example of the queenside majority in action." **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Be3 Bd7**
[7...Nd5 8.Bd2 c5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.c4 Nb6 12.Rc1 Be7 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.b4 Be7 15.c5 Nd5 16.Ne5 Qc7 17.Qa4+ Kf8 18.Nd3 a6 19.0-0 Rd8 20.Qb3 h5 21.a4 h4 22.h3 1-0 Karjakin,S (2723)-Navara,D (2707) FIDE World Cup 2009 (3.2)]
[7...Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qe2 b6 10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nd5 12.h4 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Bf6 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qg4 Bxe5 16.dxe5 h5 17.Qg3 Qe7 18.Rhf1 a5 19.Rf6 Kh7 20.Rdf1 Kh8 21.Qg5 Kh7 22.Bxg6+ 1-0 Eveno,N (2197)-Batinic,M (1827) Split op 13th 2024 (1)]

8.Bc4N
[8.Ne5 Ba4 9.a3 Nd7 10.b3 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1 Bc6 13.b4 a5 14.c3 axb4 15.axb4 Be7 16.b5 Be4 17.f3 Bc2 18.Rd2 Bg6 19.Kf2 b6 20.Bd3 0-0-0 21.Rhd1 Bxd3 22.Rxd3 Rxd3 ½-½ 2.d3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 (2603)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2734) FRA-chT Top 16 GP Haute 2005 (6.1) 23.Rxd3 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Kxd8 25.Ke2 c5 26.g4 Bh4 27.f4 Kd7 28.Bf2 Bxf2 29.Kxf2 Ke7 30.Kf3 g6 ½-½ 2.d3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗ (2603)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2734) FRA-chT Top 16 GP Haute 2005 (6.1)]
8...Nd5 9.Bd2 Bd6 White is slightly better. **10.Qe2 Qe7 11.0-0-0 Nf4 12.Bxf4 Bxf4+ 13.Kb1 0-0-0 14.Rd3 Bd6 15.Ne5** 0.00/20
[15.a3± 0.38/20 might be stronger.]
15...Kb8 0.39/19
[15...Bxe5= 0.00/20 16.Qxe5 Bc6]
16.Rhd1 Be8 17.g3 h6 0.57/19
[17...g5= 0.20/20]
18.Rb3 Ba4 19.Rf3 Rhf8 20.Rfd3 Rfe8
[20...g5 simplifies 21.a3 a6 22.Re3 Bxe5 23.Rxe5 Qf6]
21.Rf3 Bxe5 22.Qxe5 Qb4 0.41/22
[22...f6= 0.05/20 should be considered. 23.Qa5 Bc6]
23.b3± f6 24.Qe2↑ White has good play. **24...Qb6 25.Re3 Rd6** 1.27/20
[25...Bd7± 0.58/23]

(Diagram)

26.d5!± e5 27.f4 Bd7 And now ...Bd7-g4! would win. **28.fxe5 fxe5 29.Rxe5 Rf8 30.Re7 g5 31.Rf1** 0.90/22
[⌓31.Qe5 1.44/20]



31...Rxf1+ 32.Qxf1 a5 33.Rf7 White is more active. **33...a4 34.Qf2** 0.45/25

[White should try 34.Qe1± 1.08/25 Rf7xd7! would now be deadly. a3 35.c3]

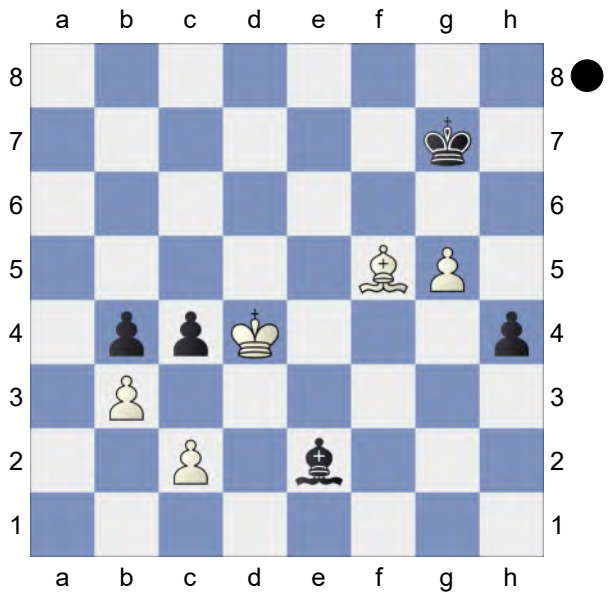
34...Qxf2± 35.Rxf2 Endgame. KRB-KRB **35...b5 36.Bd3** Strongly threatening Bd3-e4. **36...axb3 37.axb3** Hoping for Bd3-e4. **37...Rxd5 38.Rf6 h5 39.Rh6 Bg4 40.Kc1 b4 41.Kd2 c5 42.Rh7 Kc8 43.Rg7 Kd8 44.Ke3 Re5+ 45.Kf2 Ke8 46.h4** 0.38/25

[46.Rh7= 0.01/27]

46...gxh4 47.gxh4 The position is equal. **47...Kf8 48.Rg5 Rxg5 49.hxg5=** KB-KB **49...h4 50.Ke3 Kf7 51.Kf4 Bh5 52.Bc4+ Kg7 53.Bd3 Bd1 54.Bf5 Be2 55.Ke5 Bh5 56.Kf4 Be2 57.Ke5 c4 58.Kd4**

(Diagram)

Dodges Be2-d3. Black must now prevent Kd4-e3. **58...cxb3 59.cxb3 Bh5 60.Kc5 Bg6 61.Bh3 Bf7 62.Kxb4 Kg6 63.Kc5 Bxb3** Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw. Weighted Error



Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.07 (flawless)

½-½

C07

□ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2776**

■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2687**

Capablanca Memorial Elite 46th (10)

[Le Quang Liem,Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 This is the last and critical game of the tournament. Leading by one point ahead of Ivanchuk, I only needed a draw to become the champion, while my opponent had to win at all costs to win the tournament. **1.e4** Le,Quang Liem **1...e6!?** I rarely play the French Defence against 1.e4, but in this game I decided to surprise my experienced opponent. **2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Qc7** A well-known position from the Tarrasch variation, with hundreds of game having been played. **12.Qe2** A flexible developing

move that keeps the option to play ♗d3 if necessary.

[12.Bb3 is the main line according to theory.]

12...Bd7N 0.50/20 An inaccuracy. In this line Black should perhaps opt for short castling. The reason is that with the bishop still on c4, White may sacrifice on a6 in some cases after Black castles long (see my notes below)

[12...Bd6 0.45/22 12...Bf8-c5 0.09 is more accurate, with the possible continuation 13.Bg5 Bc4xe6! is the strong threat. 0-0 14.Bd3 0.12/20 *(14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Bd3* is the same*; 14.Bxf6±* 0.57/22 *gxf6 15.Kh1)* 14...Bxh2+= 15.Kf1 Bf4 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.g3 Rd8! 18.Qe4 *(18.c3 Bh6! 19.Qh5 Bg7!=)* 18...f5 19.Nxf5 exf5 20.Qxf4 Qxf4 21.gxf4 Kg7 Black equalises.]

[Also playable is 12...Bc5 13.c3 h6 Repels Bc1-g5 *(13...b5 14.Bb3 0-0 15.Bg5 Bb7 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Qh5 Bxd4 18.cxd4 Qf4 19.Re3 Be4 20.g3 Qf5 21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.g4 Bg6 23.f4 f5 24.g5 Kg7 25.Rd1 h6 26.gxh6+ Kxh6 27.Kf2 Kg7 28.d5* ½-½ 10.Ba3 b6 11.ba5 Nh5 (2772)-Nd7 D4 (2713) Zuerich Zürich 1961 (1) *)*]

[12...Bd6= 0.05/22]

[12...h6 13.Bd3 Bd6 14.Nf5 Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 Kf8 16.Nxg7 h5 17.g3 Bxg3 18.fxg3 Qxg3 19.Nf5 Qh3+ 20.Qh2 Qxh2+ 21.Kxh2 exf5 22.b3 Be6 23.Bb2 Rh6 24.Kg3 Rg6+ 25.Kf4 Re8 26.Rg1 Nd5+ 27.Kf3 ½-½ Azarov,S (2589)-Mikhalevski,V (2578) Continental Open 2019 (4)]

13.Bg5± 0-0-0 14.Rad1 Bc5 White has an edge. Black's position is more unpleasant than it may seem, so I started spending lots of time to find a good plan.

[14...Bd6 0.88/21 14...Bf8-b4 0.32 is a natural move Black would want to play, but here White has a strong reply 15.Bxa6! and the bishop can not be taken, as after bxa6? 4.69/24 *(15...h6±* 0.70/22 *16.Bxf6 gxf6)* 16.Qxa6++- Kb8 17.Re3 White wins.]

[Probably the best move is 14...Bb4!? with the idea of provoking c3 in order to prevent White's rook transfer via the third rank. 15.c3 Bd6 16.Bxa6 -0.36/24 *(*White should play *16.h3!±* 0.40/21 *)* 16...bxa6∓ 17.Qxa6+ Kb8 18.c4 Bxh2+ 19.Kf1 *(19.Kh1* -0.58/23 19.Kg1-f1 -0.18 *Ng4!)* 19...Qb7 *(19...Rc8* -0.01/21 19...Qc7-b7 -0.56*)* 20.Qxb7+! Kxb7 21.g3 h6= -0.01/20 *(21...e5!∓* -0.78/21 *22.Rxe5 Bh3+ 23.Ke1 Rhe8 24.Bxf6 gxf6* Pin *25.Rxe8 Rxe8+ 26.Kd2 Bg2)*]

[14...Kb8 runs into the same tactical motif 15.Bxa6! 0.57/24 *(15.Nf3!±* 1.22/23 *)* 15...bxa6± 16.Qxa6 Bc5 1.92/25 *(*Better is *16...Be7±* 0.68/25 *)* 17.Rd3!+- Nd5 *(17...Qa7?* 5.02/21 17...Nf6-d5 1.81 *18.Nc6+ Bxc6 19.Bf4++-)* 18.c4 Nb6 2.91/22 *(18...Bxd4* 1.89/23 is a better defense. *19.Rxd4 Nb4)* 19.Nb3+- Na4 20.Na5± White has a huge advantage.]

15.h3!? A very solid and calm move. Now White is threatening ♗g5-h4-g3.

[Of course White wants to play 15.Bh4 0.33/21 15.g2-g3 0.71 but at the moment it is not that good because Black has a tactical resource e5! 16.Bg3 *(16.Nf3* -0.33/21 16.Nd4-b3 0.44 *e4 17.Ng5* Threatens to win with

Bh4-g3! *e3!* Black is absolutely fine*; 16.Qxe5 Bd6 17.Qe2 Bg4 18.f3 Rhe8 19.Qd3 Rxe1+ 20.Bxe1 Bxh2+ 21.Kh1 Be5! 22.Bf2 Bh5 23.Qf5+ Rd7!=)* 16...Bg4! 17.Nf3 Rxd1 18.Qxd1 Rd8 19.Qe2 Bd6 with equality.]

[15.g3 0.11/20 15.Bg5-h4 0.75 e5!

A) 16.Qxe5 -0.01/25 16.Bg5xf6 0.44 Bd6 17.Qe2 Bg4! 18.f3 Bxg3! 19.Bxf6 *(19.hxg3 Rxd4!)* 19...gxf6 20.hxg3 Rxd4! 21.Bxf7! And now Qe2-e8+ would win. Rhd8 22.Kg2 Qxf7=;

B) 16.Bxf6! gxf6 17.Nb3 Ba7! 18.Bxf7 Kb8⩲ Black has good compensation for the pawn, thanks to his bishop pair and the prospect of a kingside attack.]

15...Kb8

[15...h6 16.Bh4 Bd6 1.98/23 Prevents Bh4-g3 is unplayable due to *(16...Bb5±* 0.73/21 was necessary. *17.Nxb5 axb5 18.Bxb5 Qf4)* 17.Bxa6!+- g5 2.54/22 *(⌓17...Qb6* 1.72/21 *)* 18.Rd3!±]

[The endgame arising after 15...Ba4 16.Bxe6+ fxe6 *(16...Kb8* 0.90/23 16...f7xe6 0.30 *17.Qf3!)* 17.Nxe6 Rhe8 18.Nxc7 Rxe2 19.Rxd8+ Kxc7 20.Rxe2 Kxd8 is slightly better for White.]

16.Bh4 0.27/23 White is more active.

[16.Nf3!± 0.78/19]

16...Ba4!?=

[16...Bd6 1.48/19 16...Bd7-a4 0.35 is once again met by 17.Bxa6! bxa6 2.86/25 *(17...Rhg8±* 1.53/22 *)* 18.Qxa6± Black is helpless against multiple threats.]

[16...Bc8 17.c3 White is better thanks to his space advantage and active pieces. *(17.Bg3!? Bd6 18.Bxd6 Rxd6 19.Nf3=)*]

17.Nf3 The knight has to leave the d-file.

[17.Bg3 Bd6! 18.Bxd6 Rxd6 19.b3 Bc6=]

[17.Bg3!? Bd6□ 18.Bxd6 Rxd6 19.b3+-]

17...Rxd1!? I decided that Black has to simplify the position to keep the balance.

[I did not like 17...Ka8 because of 18.Bd3 0.01/20 White can later try to open the queenside by advancing his a-and b-pawns. Also, he can place his knight on e5 and bishop on g3 and create many threats. My pieces are less active. *(18.Kf1⩲* 0.47/20 *)*]

18.Rxd1 Rd8 19.Rxd8+ Qxd8 20.b3

[My computer still prefers White after 20.Bg3+ but I think Black keeps decent drawing chances Ka7 21.Bd3 h6 Against Nf3-g5 22.Ne5 Be8]

20...Be8 21.Qe5+ Qd6 Step by ste, I managed to solve my problems. The position is obviously equal now.

[21...Bd6 also deserves attention 22.Qg5 Bf8 23.Bg3+ Ka8 24.Qe5 h6]

22.Qg5 -0.01/23

[22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Qxf6 Qd1+ 24.Bf1! Strongly threatening Qf6-h8. Qxc2 25.Ne1 *(25.Nd4 Qe4)* 25...Qf5 26.Qxf5 exf5 27.Bd3 Bd7 28.Nf3 h6 29.Ne5 Be6 30.Bc4 Kc7 31.Nxf7 Bxf7 32.Bxf7 Kd6=]

[22.Bxf6⩲ 0.43/24 gxf6 23.Qxf6]

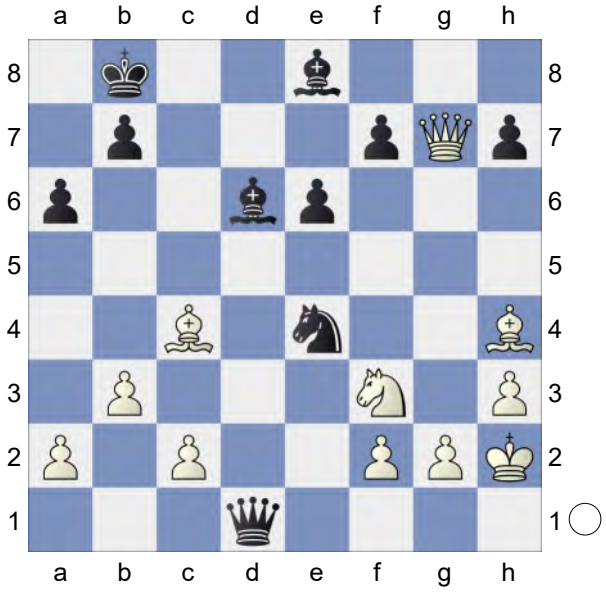
22...Ne4! 23.Qxg7 Qd1+ 24.Kh2 -0.37/26

[24.Bf1= -0.01/25 might be stronger. Qxc2 25.Qxh7]

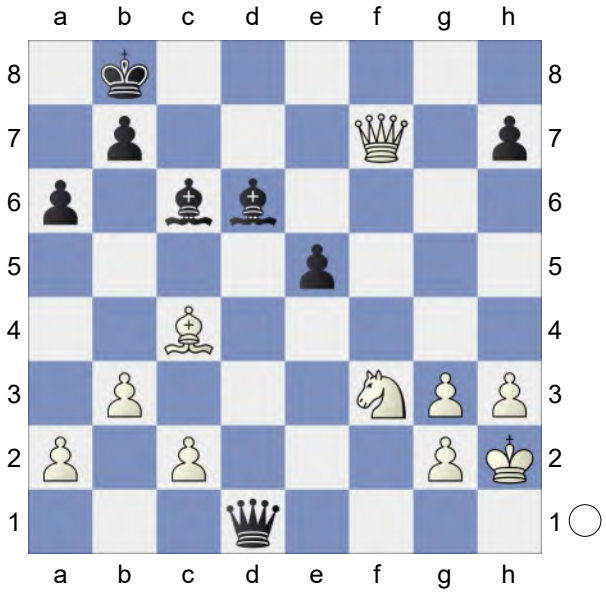
24...Bd6+?! 0.79/23

[24...Nxf2! would have made a draw, for example 25.Qe5+ *(25.Bxf2 Bxf2 26.Qf8* Bc4-d3 would now be deadly. *Qd8!)* 25...Bd6 26.Qxd6+! Qxd6+

27.Bg3 Kc7! 28.Bxd6+ Kxd6 29.Kg3 Ne4+ 30.Kf4 Nc3 31.a4 f6=]
[24...Nxf2∓ -0.37/26 keeps the upper hand. 25.Bxf2 *(25.Qxh7? Bd6+)* 25...Bxf2]



In time trouble I went astray. **25.Bg3!±**
[25.Ne5? Qd4 26.Qg8 *(26.f4? Bc5-+)* 26...Bxe5+-+ *(26...Qxe5+ 27.g3-+)*]
25...Nxg3 1.20/23
[It is still not too late to go for 25...Nxf2 , though White's play is easier after 26.Bxd6+ 0.19/21 *(26.Be5!± 0.68/24 Ka7 27.Bxd6 Qxd6+ 28.Kg1)* 26...Qxd6+= 27.Kg1 Ne4 28.Bd3]
[25...Nxf2± 0.55/26 26.Bxd6+ *(26.Qxh7? Qh1#)* 26...Qxd6+ 27.Kg1 Ne4]
26.fxg3 Bc6 I thought my powerful bishops might sufficiently compensate for the pawn. Actually that is not true.
[26...Qxc2? 27.Qg8 Ka7 28.Qxe8+-]
27.Qxf7
[27.Qxh7 Bxf3 28.Qd3 *(28.Qg8+? Ka7-+)* 28...Bc5 29.Qxd1 Bxd1-+]
27...Qxc2 White must now prevent ... Qc2-f2.
[27...e5? 2.19/25 27...Qd1xc2 1.23



28.Nxe5! Bxe5 3.26/21 *(28...Bc5 2.14/24* might work better. *29.Bf1 Bb5)* 29.Qf8++-]
28.Qxe6
[Much worse is 28.Bxe6?! Qf2 29.Qg8+ Ka7=]
28...Kc7 29.Bd5 0.78/24
[⌓29.Qf7+ 1.20/23 Kb6 30.Qf6]
29...Bd7? 2.09/25 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[I missed my last chance 29...Qf2!
A) 30.Ne5 Hoping for Bd5xc6. Bc5! 31.Qf7+! *(31.h4* -0.30/22 31.Qe6-f7+ 0.82 *Qg1+ 32.Kh3 h5!* (This is what I really missed in my calculation)) 31...Qxf7 32.Bxf7 Kd6! with very good drawing chances. The opposite-coloured bishop endgame is clearly drawish, although the computer does not understand...;
B) 30.Qf7+ Kb6 31.Ne5! Qxf7 32.Nxf7 *(32.Nc4+ Kc5 33.Bxf7 Bc7* Prevents b3-b4+*)* 32...Bxd5 33.Nxd6 aiming for g3-g4. Kc5 34.Ne8! Be4 Despite being two

pawns down, Black is saved by his active king and bishop. He will soon create a passed pawn on the queenside.]

[29...Qf2± 0.78/24 30.Ne5 Bc5]

30.Qe3!+- Qxa2 3.04/22

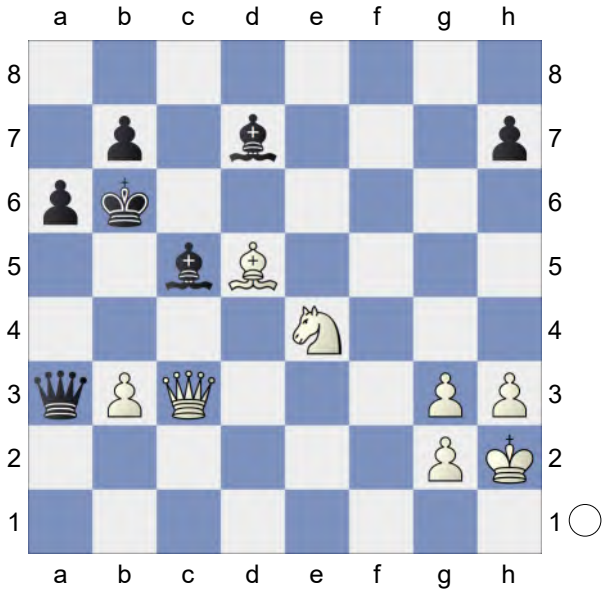
[⌓30...Qc5 2.07/23 31.Qg5 Bc8 32.Qg7+ Kb8]

31.Qc3+ Kb6? 4.13/25

[31...Kb8 2.32/23 was called for. 32.Qh8+ Kc7 33.Qc3+ *(33.Qxh7 Qf2+-)* 33...Kb8 34.Qh8+ Kc7 35.Qxh7 Qf2]

32.Nd2! White is winning. His pieces coordinate very well, and his king is very safe. Black's king is in real danger now.

32...Bc5 33.Ne4 Qa3



34.Bxb7! Decoy **34...a5**

[34...Qb4 35.Qxc5+]

35.Bd5 a4 36.Qf6+

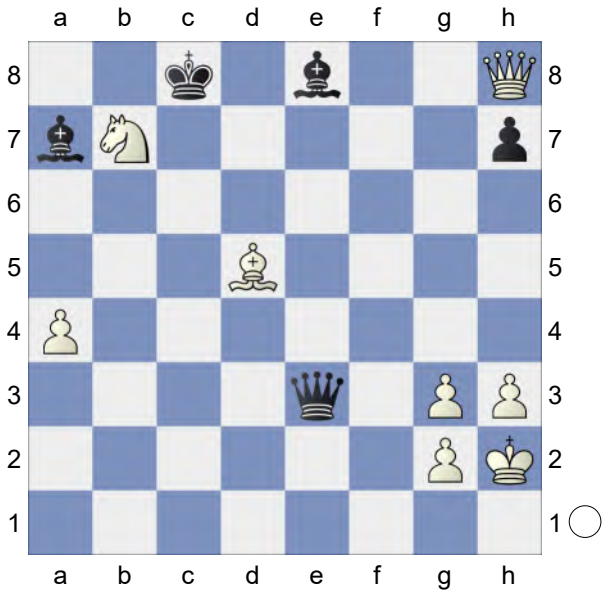
[36.Qe5 wins even faster.]

36...Kc7 37.bxa4 Ba7 38.Qe5+ Kd8 39.Nd6 Intending Nd6-f7+ and mate.

39...Qe3 40.Nb7+ 1.92/5

[⌓40.Nf7+ 3.31/25 Kc8 41.Qh8+ Be8 42.Qxe8+ Decoy *(42.Qxh7? Qg1#)* 42...Qxe8 43.Nd6+ Kd8 44.Nxe8 Kxe8 45.a5]

40...Kc8 41.Qh8+ Be8



(→ ...Qe3-g1#) **42.Qxe8+!! Qxe8 43.Nd6+ Kd8 44.Nxe8 Kxe8 45.a5** White is clearly winning. White simply has too many pawns. **45...Ke7 46.h4 Kf6** 6.65/35

[⌓46...h6 4.72/32 47.Kh3 Kd6]

47.Kh3 Kf5 48.Bb3 h6 49.a6 2.48/27 Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.42 I resigned. With this win Ivanchuk caught me up and won the tournament by tie break. It was a pity for me that I made serious mistakes on move 25 and 29, and that cost me the tournament. On the other hand, my opponent played very well and kept his title convincingly.

[⌓49.Bc2+ 5.71/29 Ke6 50.a6]

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C07
□ **Davtyan,Arsen** **2413**
■ **Sakaev,Konstantin** **2568**
Moscow Aeroflot op-A (5) 05.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nxd7 8.0-0 Be7** 8...cxd4 is the hot move. 8...cxd4 ist der h i p p e Z u g . **9.Ne4N** The position is equal.

[9.c4 N5f6 10.b3 *(10.Nb3 0-0 11.Qe2 Rc8 12.Be3 cxd4 13.Nbxd4 a6 14.a3 Qc7 15.Rac1* Fauth,H (2602)-Peter,W (2649) 66/(524) Stockholm 1995*)* 10...cxd4 11.Nxd4 0-0 12.Bb2 a6 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.N2f3 h6 15.Rfd1 Rfe8 16.Rac1 Rad8 17.h3 Nf8 18.Nc2 Ng6 19.Rxd8 Rxd8 20.Rd1 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1 Nd7 22.Ne3 Bf6 23.Bxf6 Nxf6 1-0 Zou,C (2449)-Bluebaum,M (2655) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Jan Early blitz 2024 (7)]

9...0-0 10.c4 N5f6 11.Ng3N

[Vorgänger: 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Be3 Rc8 13.Rc1 Qa5 14.a3 Rfd8 With the idea ...c5xd4. 15.Qe2 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Qa4 0.12/20 *(16...Bxd4∓* -0.37/22 *17.Nxd4 Qe5)* 17.Rfd1 -0.48/22 1-0 (51) Kobalia,M (2614)-Xiong,J (2709) Chess.com INT 2020 *(17.Bxf6=* 0.12/20 *Nxf6 18.Rfd1)*]

11...Qc7 12.b3 Rad8 13.Bb2 cxd4 Strongly threatening ...e6-e5. **14.Nxd4 Nc5 15.Qf3** -0.32/21

[15.Qc2= 0.08/20]

15...Rd7∓ 16.Nb5 Qa5 17.Bc3 Qb6 18.Rad1 Rfd8 19.Rxd7 Rxd7 20.b4 Bc3xf6! would now be deadly. **20...Na6 21.a3 Nc7 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Ne4 Be7** 0.51/23

[23...Nxb5= -0.01/25 24.Nxf6+ gxf6 25.cxb5 Qd8]

24.Nbc3? -1.33/23

[24.Nc5± 0.51/23 stays ahead. Bxc5 25.bxc5 Qxc5 26.Qxb7]

24...Qa6∓ 25.Nc5 Bxc5

[25...Qxc4? 26.Nxd7 Qc6 27.Qxc6 bxc6 28.Na4+-]

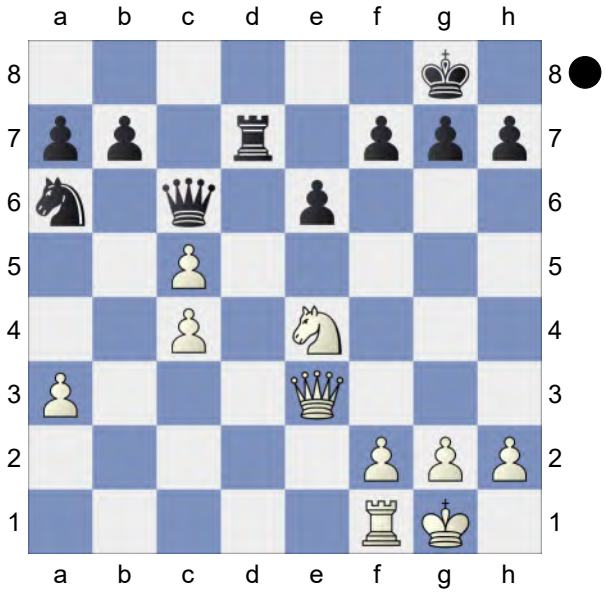
26.bxc5 Threatens to win with Rf1-d1.

26...Qc6

[26...Qxc4 27.Qxb7 Kf8 28.Ne4=]

27.Qe3 Na6 28.Ne4 -1.87/23

[28.Nb5∓ -1.33/23 is a better defense.]



28...f5 -0.43/23

[28...h6!-+ -1.87/23 aiming for ...f7-f5. 29.h3 Kh7 *(29...f5? 30.Nd2∓)*]

29.Nd6!∓ Nxc5

[And not 29...Qxc5 30.Qxe6+]

30.Nxf5 Back Rank **30...b6 31.Nd4 Qd6** -0.09/24

[31...Qe4∓ -0.56/24 32.Qxe4 Nxe4 33.Nxe6 Rd6]

32.Nf3 Qd3↑ Black is more active.

33.Qf4 Qf5!

[33...Qxa3? is the wrong capture.

34.Qb8+ Kf7 35.Ne5+ Ke7 36.Qg8+- *(36.Nxd7 Nxd7 37.Qg8 Qc3+-)*]

34.Qg3 Nd3 Repels Nf3-e5 **35.h4** -1.10/25

[White should play 35.Qb8+∓ -0.43/24 Qf8 36.Qg3]

35...h6 -0.54/22 Black is more active.

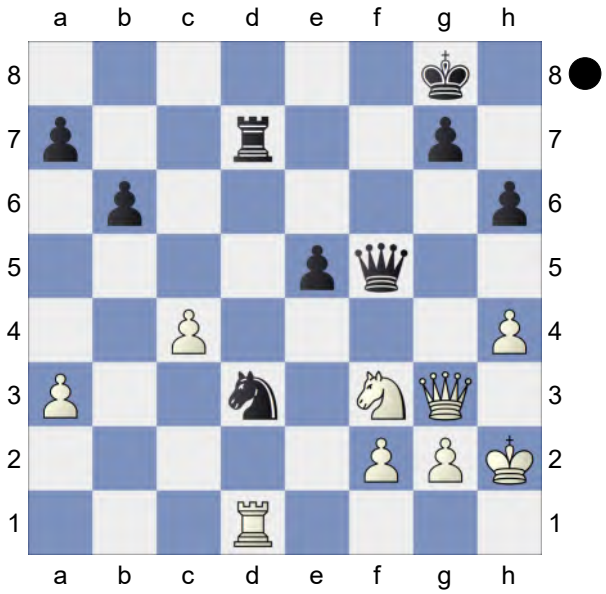
[35...e5∓ -1.10/25]

36.Kh2 -1.74/21

[36.Qb8+!∓ -0.54/22 Kh7 37.Qe8]

36...e5-+ 37.Rd1? -4.12/25

[37.Ne1∓ -1.59/21 was necessary.]



White does not recover from this.

37...Nxf2! 38.Rxd7

[38.Rf1 Ng4+]

38...Ng4+ Zwischenzug **39.Kg1 Qxd7 40.Qe1 Qd3** Black is clearly winning. **41.Qd2 Qxc4 42.h5 e4 43.Nd4 Qc5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.15 (very precise)

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C03

□ **Biriukov,O.** **2594**

■ **Henriques,S.** **2553**

62/(88) Baile Herculane (2) 25.01.2018

[Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 h6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 c5 6.exd5 exd5**

[6...Nxd5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 cxd4 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Bd6 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.c4 Nc7 13.Qg4 Nxb5 14.Nxb5 Bxb5 15.cxb5 Qf6 16.Be3 h5 17.Qa4 0-0 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.g3 a6 20.a3 axb5 21.Qxb5 1-0 Lianes Garcia,M (2407)-Hueck,M (2066) Oviedo op 9th 2023 (2)]

7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0N White has an edge.

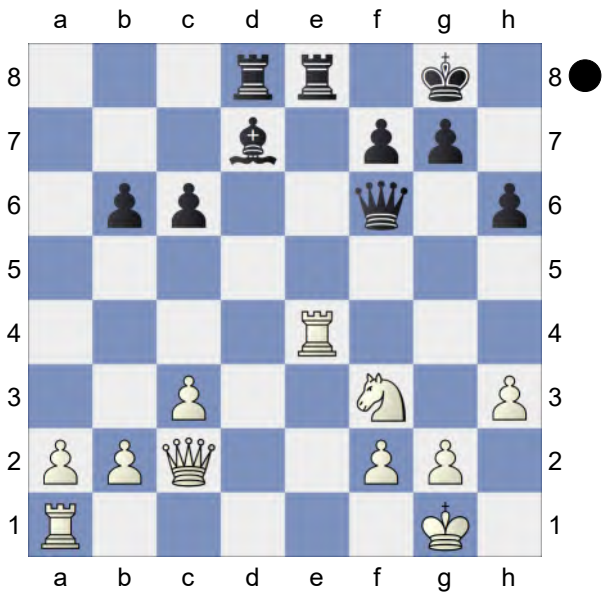
[8.Nb3 Be7 *(8...Bd6 9.Qe2+ Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nfd4 Re8 12.Qf3 Bg4 13.Qg3 Nc6 14.Bf4 Qc8 15.f3 Bd7 16.Qf2 Nh5 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Be3 Qc7 19.Bc5 Nf4 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.Rfe1 Rae8 22.Rxe7 Rxe7 23.Bf1* 1-0 De Bonnieres,P (2677)-Jaatinen,P (2511) Tch Reykjavik ISL 2000 (8.4)*)* 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Nfd4 Bd6 12.Nf5 Bxf5 13.Bxf5 Qc7 14.h3 Rfe8 15.Bd2 Rxe1+ 16.Bxe1 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Be5 18.c3 Rd8 19.Rc1 Bf4 20.Rc2 Qb6 21.g3 Bd6 22.f4 Qa6 ½-½ Khamrakulov,D (2485)-Duong,T (2420) 7th Malaysia Open 2010 (3)]

8...0-0 9.Nb3 Bb6 10.h3 Nc6 11.c3 Ne4 12.Nbd4 Qf6 13.Be3 Bd7 14.Re1 Rad8 15.Qc2 Rfe8 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Bxb6 axb6 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Rxe4

(Diagram)

Bxh3! Deflection **20.Rae1**

[20.Rxe8+ Rxe8]



20...Rxe4 21.Qxe4 Bf5 22.Qf4 c5 23.Re5 Be6 24.Qa4 -0.93/25 Against Rd8-d1+

[24.Qxf6= -0.09/26 gxf6 25.Re1]

24...g5 25.Re1 Kg7 26.Qc2 Qf4 White must now prevent ...g5-g4!

[Of course not 26...Bxa2 27.b3 Qf4 28.Re2= *(28.Qxa2 g4=)*]

27.Re3! Qd6 Hoping for ...Qd6-d1+.

[Much weaker is 27...Bxa2 28.b3 Ra8 29.c4=]

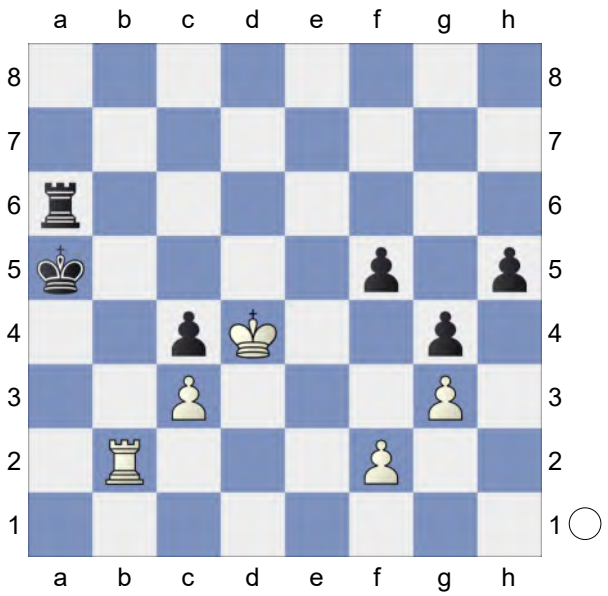
28.a3 Qd1+

[28...g4 is interesting. 29.Ne1 Qd2 30.Qe4 Qxb2 31.Nd3 Qa1+]

29.Qxd1 Rxd1+∓ Endgame. KRB-KRN **30.Re1 Rd3 31.Re3 Rd1+ 32.Re1 Rd6 33.b4 g4 34.Nh4 Rd2 35.bxc5 bxc5** Threatening ...Rd2-a2. **36.Ra1 Kf6 37.a4 Rd6 38.a5 Ra6 39.g3 Bd5 40.Ng2 Bxg2 41.Kxg2=** KR-KR **41...Ke5 42.Ra4 f5 43.Kf1 Kd5 44.Ke2 c4 45.Ke3** Ke3-f4 would now be deadly. **45...Kc5 46.Ra2** aiming for Ke3-f4. **46...Kb5 47.Kd4 h5 48.Rb2+ Kxa5?** 15.19/25

[48...Kc6= 0.01/22]

(Diagram)



A mistake that costs the game. **49.Kc5!+-** White is clearly winning.

[49.Kxc4 Rh6±]

49...Ka4 50.Ra2+ Skewer

[Less strong is 50.Kxc4 Rc6+ 51.Kd4 h4±]

50...Kb3 51.Rxa6 Kxc3 52.Ra4 Threatening mate with Kc5-d5! **52...Kd3 53.Rxc4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)

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C10

□ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2650**

■ **Fiorito,Francisco** **2368**

Titled Tuesday intern op 12th Mar Late b..

[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Ng3 Ngf6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0** 7...0-0 is better than 7...b6. 7...0-0 ist besser als 7...b6. **8.0-0 b6**

[8...c5 9.c3 b6 10.Re1 Bb7 11.Ne5 *(11.Bc2 cxd4 12.Nxd4 a6 13.Qe2 Re8 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bd2 Bd6*

16.Rad1 Qb8 17.Bc1 Bc7 18.Bb1 Nc5 19.Kh1 Qa7 20.Nh5 Ncd7 21.Nb3 Nxh5 22.Rxd7 Nf4 23.Bxf4 Bxf4 24.Qd3 f5 25.Qd4 e5 1-0 Kazuhiro Shikasho,E (1860)-De Oliveira,P (1800) BRA-ch U18 Aracaju 2024 (4) *)* 11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Re8 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bf4 Bb4 15.Bd2 Bxd2 16.Qxd2 Rc8 17.Rad1 Rf8 18.Bb1 Ba8 19.Qd3 Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Re8 21.h4 Qd6 22.Nh5 Qd8 23.Nf4 ½-½ Wrede,M (2285)-Leko,P Donau (Game 32) 2007 (1)]

9.c3 Bb7 10.Qe2 c5 The position is equal. **11.Rd1N**

[11.Re1 Qc7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.Rad1 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 cxd4 16.cxd4 Bd6 17.Rc1 Qd7 18.Ne4 Be7 19.Rcd1 Qxd4 20.Bb1 Qxb2 21.Qd3 Rfd8 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 23.Qh7+ Kf8 24.Rc1 Ke7 25.Rc7+ Rd7 1-0 Perez Olarte,C (2301)-Maya Serrato,D (1853) COL-chT Bucaramanga 2022 (7.2)]

11...Re8N 0.10/17

[Vorgänger: 11...Qc7 12.Ne5 Rad8 13.Bf4 Ne5-g6! is the strong threat. Bd6 14.Bb5 -0.30/20 *(14.Rac1* 0.08/18 deserves consideration.*)* 14...Nb8 0.21/20 *(* Black should play *14...Nd5!* -0.30/20 *15.Bg5 N7f6)* 15.Bg5= Bg5xf6 would now be deadly. Be7! 16.Rac1 Nd5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.dxc5 Qxc5 0-1 Yoo,C (2455)-Lenderman,A (2634) PNWCC Online blitz JP 10th 2020 (8)]

[⌓11...Qc7 -0.26/20]

12.h3

[12.Bb5 with more complications. Qc7 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Nh5]

12...Qc7 13.a4 -0.41/20

[13.Ne5= -0.01/16]

13...Rad8

[13...cxd4 feels hotter. 14.Nxd4 a6 15.Nh5 Nxh5 16.Qxh5 Nf6]

14.Bb5 Bc6 0.11/20

[14...Rf8∓ -0.33/18 was preferrable.]

15.Bd2 Bd6

[15...cxd4 keeps more tension. 16.Nxd4 Ba8 17.Qc4 Qb7]

16.Nf1 Nd5 17.Bxc6 Qxc6 18.a5 c4 19.axb6 axb6 20.Ng3 -0.71/20

[20.Ra6= -0.30/17]

20...Bxg3 -0.20/21

[20...b5∓ -0.71/20]

21.fxg3= Ra8 22.Kh2 -0.49/21

[22.g4= -0.05/21 feels stronger.]

22...b5∓ 23.Be1 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 Ra8 25.Rb1 -1.16/19

[25.Rxa8+∓ -0.44/20 Qxa8 26.g4]

25...Qc7 -0.67/20

[25...h6∓ -1.16/19 26.Kg1 Ra2]

26.b3 h6 27.bxc4 bxc4 -0.55/20

[27...Qxc4∓ -0.95/22 28.Qb2 Rc8]

28.Qd2 Ra3 29.Qc1 Ra2 30.Bd2 N7f6 A dynamic duo of knights. **31.Qe1** Against Nf6-e4 **31...Nd7** 0.01/20

[31...Qa7∓ -0.77/21]

32.Kh1 -0.81/21

[32.Qc1!= 0.01/20]

32...Ra3 33.g4 Rb3↑ Black is on the roll. **34.Ra1 Rb2** -0.23/21

[34...Qb7∓ -0.96/21]

35.g5 -0.59/20

[35.Ra8+= -0.23/21 Rb8 36.Ra4]

35...hxg5 36.Nxg5 N7f6 -0.17/21

[36...Qb7∓ -0.73/22]

37.Qe2 -1.20/21

[37.Ra8+= -0.17/21 Rb8 38.Ra1 *(38.Nxe6? fxe6 39.Rxb8+ Qxb8-+)*]

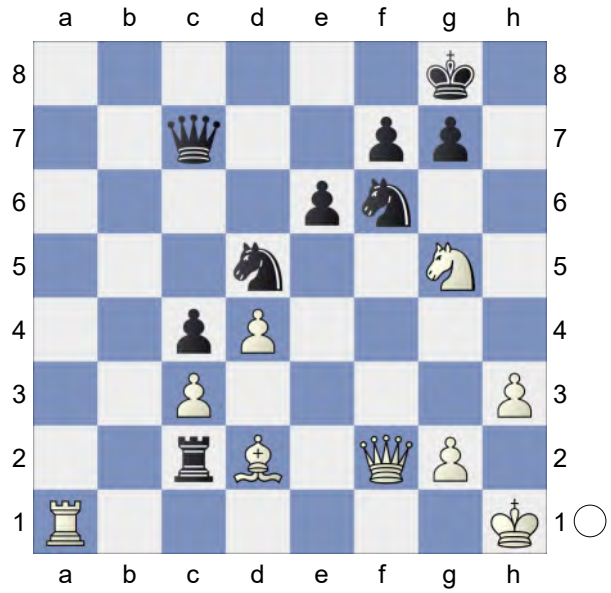
37...Qb8 -0.47/21

[Better is 37...Qb7∓ -1.20/21 Hoping for ...Nd5xc3. 38.Nf3 Nf4 Pin 39.Qxc4 Rxd2]

38.Qe1 -0.88/22

[38.Qe5∓ -0.47/21 is superior.]

38...Qc7 0.01/20
[38...Qb7∓ -0.88/22 And now ... Nd5xc3! would win. 39.Nf3 Ne8]
39.Qf2? -1.90/21
[39.Qe2!= 0.01/20 and White has nothing to worry.]
39...Rc2?? #3/8
[39...Qb7-+ -1.90/21 40.Rc1 Qa8]



40.Ra8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.47
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C09
□ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2455**
■ **Kashlinskaya,Alina** **2468**
Swiss Queens Wed #8 blitz (6) 20.03.24
[Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Qe7+** outshines the older 6...Bd6. erfolgreicher als das alte 6...Ld6. **7.Be2**
[7.Qe2 Qxe2+ 8.Kxe2 a6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Re1 f6 11.Nb3 -0.18/21 *(11.dxc5± 0.43/20 Bxc5 12.Nb3)* 11...c4 12.Nc5 Kf7 13.Bf4 -0.44/19 *(13.b3= 0.05/19)* 13...Bf5 0.01/20 *(13...g5∓ -0.44/19 14.Bc7 Ne7)* 14.Kd2= g5 15.Bg3 h5 16.h4 g4 17.Ng1 Bh6+ 18.Kc3 Ne7 19.b3 Rhe8 0.61/22 *(19...cxb3= 0.16/20 20.axb3 Bc8)* 20.Ne2 -0.05/23 *(20.Nb7!± 0.61/22 Nc8 21.Rxe8 Kxe8 22.Re1+ Kf7 23.Nd8+ Kg6 24.Nxc6 cxb3 25.cxb3)* 20...Ng6 21.bxc4 dxc4 0-1 Shuvalova,P (2455)-Kashlinskaya,A (2468) Swiss Queens Wed #7 blitz 2024 (4)]
7...Qc7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1 Be6 White is slightly better. **10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.c3**
[12.Nfd4 is interesting. 0-0 13.Bg5 Ne4 14.Be3]
12...0-0 13.Nbd4 Rae8
[13...Bg4 14.Be3 *(14.Bg5 Ne4 15.Bh4 Rfe8 16.Bg3 Nxg3 17.hxg3 Re7 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Nd4 Bxe2 20.Rxe2 Bxd4 21.cxd4 Rae8 22.Rxe7 Qxe7 23.Rc1 Qb4 24.b3 h6 25.Qc2 Qxd4 26.Qxc6 Re6 27.Qc8+ Kh7 28.Qc2+ g6* 1-0 Yuan,Q (2373)-Shuvalov,E (2149) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Early blitz 2023 (5)) 14...Rfe8 15.Nb5 Qd8 16.Nbd4 Qc7 17.Nb5 Qd8 18.Nbd4 Qc7 19.Nb5 ½-½ Ma,Q (2659)-Xu,X (2578) CHN-chT Nanjing 2023 (5.1)]
14.h3 Ne4N 0.49/20
[Vorgänger: 14...a6 15.Bd3 Bc8 16.Rxe8 Rxe8 17.Be3 Ba7 18.Qc2 Ne4 0.46/20 *(18...Bd7= 0.04/20* deserves consideration.*)* 19.c4 -0.01/19 *(19.Re1± 0.46/20)* 19...Nb4 0.37/21 *(19...Qd6= -0.01/19)* 20.Qa4± Qe7 0-1 Kokoszczynski,J (2111)-Kashlinskaya,A (2435) Suwalki Warakomska Memorial-A op

2018 (9) 21.Bf1 dxc4 22.Qd1 b5 23.a3 Bxd4 24.Bxd4 Nc6 25.Be3 h6 26.a4 Rd8 27.Qc1 Nc5 28.axb5 axb5 29.Qc3 Na4 30.Rxa4 bxa4 31.Qxc4 Ne5 32.Nxe5 Qxe5 33.Qxa4 Qxb2 34.Bc4 Bb7 35.Qb3 Qa1+ 0-1 Kokoszczynski,J (2187)-Kashlinskaya,A (2440) 2nd Irena Warakomska Mem 2018 (9.20) 36.Kh2 Qe5+ 37.Kg1 Bd5 38.Bxd5 Rxd5 39.Qc2 Ra5 40.Qc8+ Kh7 41.Qc2+ f5 42.Bc1 Ra1 43.g3 Qe1+ 44.Kg2 Rxc1 45.Qxf5+ Kg8 46.Qd5+ Kh8 47.Qd8+ Kh7 48.Qd3+ g6 49.Qd7+ Kg8 50.Qd5+ Kf8 0-1 Ludwig,A (2187)-Glek Defense,W (2440) RUS-chT Sochi 2018 (9.20)]

[14...Bd7= -0.13/19]

15.Bd3 -0.09/20

[15.Be3± 0.49/20]

15...Bc8 0.43/19

[Black should try 15...Nxd4= -0.09/20 16.cxd4 Bf5]

16.Be3± a6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Bxb6 0.19/20

[18.Qc2± 0.71/19]

18...Qxb6= 19.Qc2 h6 20.c4 Bf5 0.85/20

[20...Re6± 0.35/19]

21.Re2 0.10/21

[21.c5± 0.85/20 Qb7 22.Nd4]

21...Re6 0.53/19

[21...Bg6= 0.10/21 is superior.]

22.Rae1 Threatens to win with c4-c5!

22...Rfe8 23.Kf1 0.01/19

[23.b4± 0.45/21]

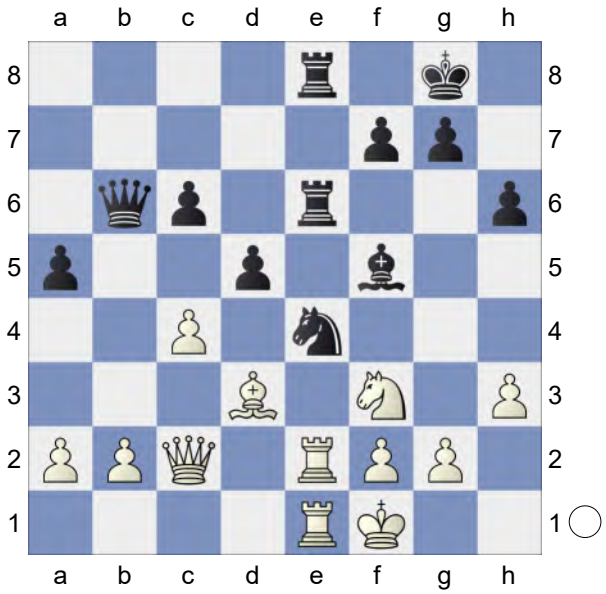
23...a5

(Diagram)

24.c5! Qb8

[24...Qxc5? 25.Qxc5 Nxc5 26.Bxf5+-]

[24...Qb4?! 25.a3 Qb8 26.Kg1±]



25.Kg1 Nf3-d4 would now be deadly.

25...Bh7? 3.03/22 A mistake that costs the game.

[25...Qb4= 0.01/22]

26.Nd4+- Deflection **26...Rg6**

[Reject 26...Rf6 27.f3+-]

27.f3

[27.Bxe4 dxe4 28.Qa4 *(28.Rxe4 Rxe4 29.Rxe4 Rg5=)* 28...Qc7±]

27...f5 6.29/20

[27...Qe5 3.09/20]

(Diagram)

28.Nxf5 Rge6 29.Nd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.57

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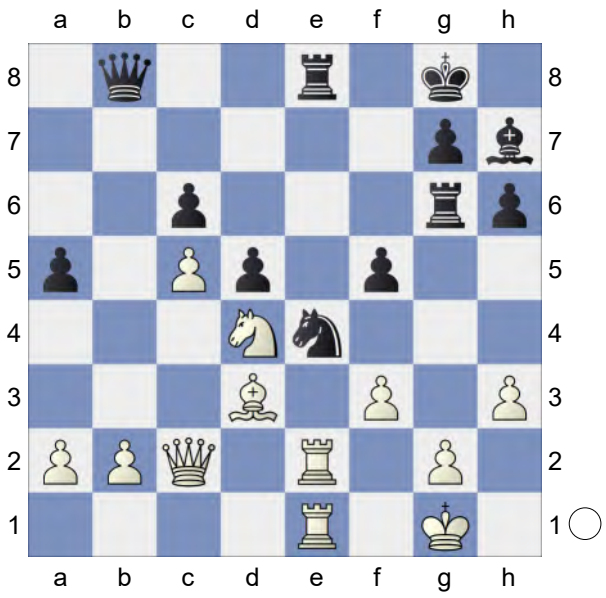


C06

□ **Laohawirapap,Prin** **2380**
■ **Garcia Pantoja,Roberto** **2550**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (2.44) 12.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines Srinath, Tanmay : 'This game provides an alternative try in the main line of our survey, if Black decides to be ambitious.' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.0-0 a5 9.a4 0-0 10.Re1 f6 11.Qc2N** White is slightly better.

[11.exf6 Nxf6 12.h3 *(12.Ng5 cxd4 13.Nxe6 Bxe6 14.Rxe6 dxc3 15.bxc3 d4 16.cxd4 Qxd4 17.Nb3 Qh4 18.g3 Qh3 19.Bc4 Kh8 20.Qe2 Ng4 21.f4 Rac8 22.Be3 Bf6 23.Rd1 g5 24.fxg5 Be5 25.Bf4 Bg7 26.Re4 Nce5* 1-0 Seemann,J (2417)-Klimkowski,J (2520) Wch U16 Montesilvano 2023 (7)) 12...Qb6 13.Ng5 cxd4 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.Rxe6 dxc3 16.bxc3 Bc5 17.Re2 Rae8 18.Rb1 Qc7 19.Nf3 Rxe2 20.Qxe2 Re8 21.Qd1 h6 *(21...b6)* 22.Rb2 Ne5 23.Nxe5 Qxe5 24.Re2 Ne4 25.Bxe4 dxe4 ½-½ Guyon,P (1973)-Toro Ramirez,S (2109) World Championship (Game 9) 1995 (1) 26.Qb3+ Kh7 27.Qxb7 Bd6 28.g3 Qf5 29.Qb5 Re5 30.Qc4 Rd5 31.Rd2 Rc5 32.Qd4 Bc7 33.c4 Rc6 34.c5 Rxc5 35.Bb2 Qe5 36.Qd7 Qg5 37.h4 Qg6 38.Ba3 Rc4 39.h5 Qg5 40.Rd5 Qf6 ½-½ Gossmann,E (1973)-Hallqvist,N (2109) FICGS rapid A 000261 email 2020 (1)]

11...f5 12.dxc5 -0.13/22
[⌓12.Bb5 0.28/21]

12...Qc7 0.32/21
[12...Nxc5= -0.13/22 13.Nb3 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 g5]

13.Nb3 Ndxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.h3 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Bxc5 17.Nxc5 Qxc5 Black is weak on the dark squares

18.Bf4 0.11/21
[18.b4± 0.58/21 Qc7 *(18...axb4 19.cxb4 Qc4 20.Qxc4±)* 19.Qd4]

18...Bd7= 19.h4 White has compensation. **19...Rf6 20.h5 Rc8 21.Bg5 Rf7 22.Qg3 Qc4** Threatens to win with ...f5-f4! **23.Bf4 h6! 24.Re3** -0.50/22
[24.Bxh6? f4 25.Qg6 e5 26.Rxe5 Rc6-+]
[24.Kh2= -0.14/20]

24...Kh8 -0.01/21
[24...Bxa4 25.Rxe6 Rc6 26.Rae1 *(26.Rxh6 Rxh6 27.Bxh6 f4±; 26.Re8+ Kh7±)* 26...Rxe6 27.Rxe6±]
[24...Rc6∓ -0.50/22 deserves consideration.]

25.Ra3 Rcf8 26.b3 Qc6 27.Ra1 Qb6 28.Ra3 d4 29.cxd4 Qxd4 30.Re1 Inhibits Qd4-d1. **30...Bc6 31.Raa1 Bd5 32.Rac1 Qf6 33.Rc5**

[33.Be5 looks sharper. f4 34.Qg6 Qh4 35.Red1]

33...Kh7! 34.Rec1 Rd7 35.Rc7 Rfd8 36.Rxd7 Rxd7 37.Qe3 Qh4 38.Rc7 Rxc7 39.Bxc7 Qxh5∓ Endgame. KQB-KQB **40.f3 Qe8** -0.28/25

[40...Qg5∓ -0.85/25 41.Bf4 Qe7]

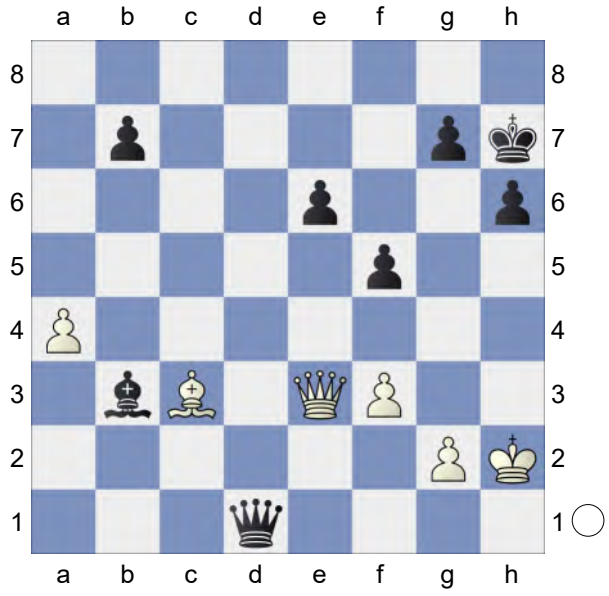
41.Bxa5= Qc6 42.Bd2 Qc2 43.Bc3 Qd1+ 1.49/28

[43...Qxb3? 44.Qe5+-]

[43...Bxb3= -0.01/28 44.Kh2 f4 *(44...Bxa4? 45.Qe5+-)*]

44.Kh2± White threatens Qe3-e5 and mate. **44...Bxb3**

[44...Qxb3? 45.Qe5+-]



45.Bd4! Hoping for Qe3-e5. **45...Kg6**

[45...Bxa4? 46.Qe5+-]

46.Qe5 Kf7

[46...Kh5? 47.Qxg7+-]

47.Qc7+

[47.Qxg7+ Ke8 48.Qe5 *(48.Qxb7 Qxd4 49.Qxb3 Qh4+ 50.Kg1 Qe1+ 51.Kh2 Qh4+ 52.Kg1 Qe1+ 53.Kh2 Qh4+=)* 48...Qc1±]

47...Ke8 48.Qc8+

[48.Qxg7?! Qd2±]

[48.Bxg7?! Qd8 49.Qxd8+ *(49.Qxb7 Qh4+ 50.Kg1 Qe1+ 51.Kh2 Qh4+ 52.Kg1 Qe1+ 53.Kh2 Qh4+=)* 49...Kxd8∓]

[48.Qxb7?! Qxd4 49.Qxb3 Ke7=]

48...Ke7 49.Qxb7+

[49.Bxg7 Qd6+ 50.Kh3 Qc6 51.Qxc6 bxc6±]

49...Kd6 50.Qb6+

[50.Bxg7 Bxa4 51.Bf8+ *(51.Bxh6 Qb3±)* 51...Ke5 52.Qb8+ *(52.Bxh6 Qd7±)* 52...Kd4 53.Qb6+ *(53.Bxh6 Bb3±)* 53...Kc3 54.Bg7+ *(54.Qxe6 Qd4+-)* 54...Kd3 55.Qxe6 Qb3]

50...Kd7 51.Be5 0.76/26

[Of course not 51.Bxg7?! Qd6+ 52.Qxd6+ Kxd6=]

[White should try 51.Qa7+ 1.21/23 Ke8 52.Qa8+ *(52.Bxg7 Qd6+ 53.Kh3 Bd5±; 52.Qxg7 Qd2±)* 52...Ke7 53.Qa7+ Skewer *(53.Bxg7 Qd6+ 54.Kh3 Bd5±)* 53...Ke8 54.Qb8+ *(54.Bxg7 Qd7±; 54.Qxg7 Bxa4 55.Bc5 Kd8+-)* 54...Ke7 55.Qe5 *(55.Bxg7 Qd6+ 56.Qxd6+ Kxd6=)*]

51...Ke8 1.14/23

[⌓51...Qe1 0.76/26 52.Qd4+ *(52.Bxg7 Qh4+ 53.Kg1 Qe1+ 54.Kh2 Qh4+ 55.Kg1 Qe1+ 56.Kh2=)* 52...Ke8]

52.Bd6 0.23/25 White is more active.

[52.Qb5+± 1.14/23 Kf7 53.Qb7+ Ke8 54.Qxg7]

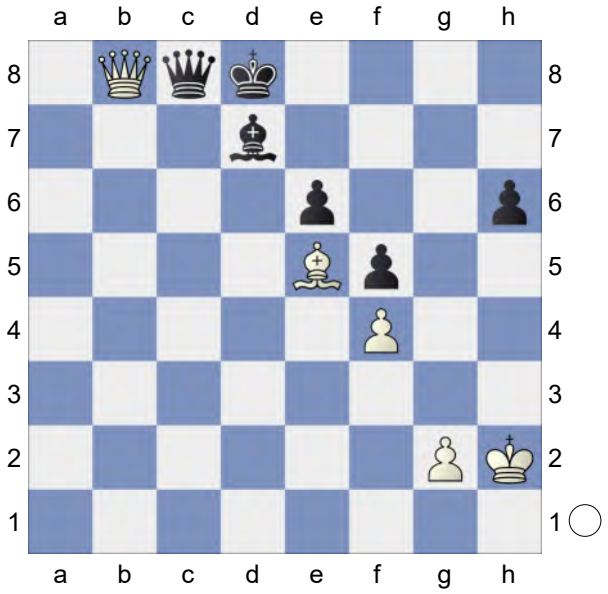
52...Qe1 53.Bg3 Qc3 54.Qb8+ Kf7 55.Be5 Qc4 56.Qb7+ Ke8 aiming for ... Qc4-h4+. **57.Qa8+ Kf7 58.f4** -0.01/29

[Better is 58.Qa7+!± 0.66/25 Ke8 59.Bd4 *(59.Bxg7 Qh4+ 60.Kg1 Qe1+ 61.Kh2 Qh4+ 62.Kg1 Qe1+ 63.Kh2 Qh4+=)*]

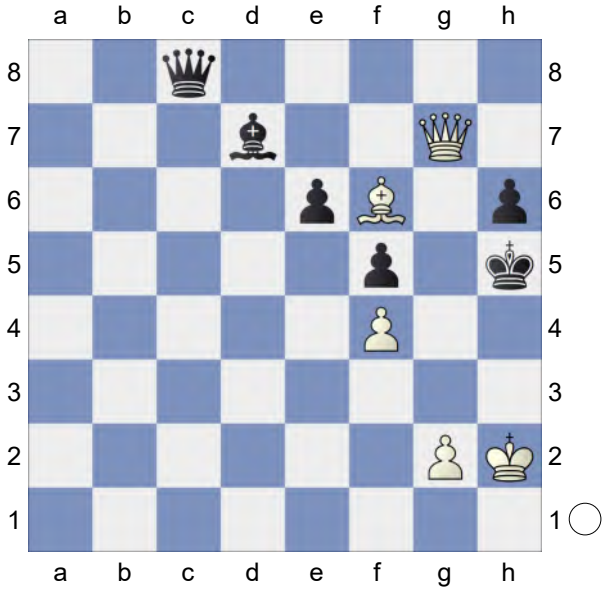
58...Bxa4 59.Qb7+ Ke8 60.Qxg7 Kd8 61.Qb7 Threatening mate with Be5-f6+.

61...Bd7 62.Qb8+ Qc8? 12.66/26

[62...Bc8± 0.42/30]



A mistake that costs the game. **63.Bf6+!+- Ke8 64.Qd6 Kf7 65.Qe7+** White mates. **65...Kg6 66.Qg7+ Kh5**



67.g4+! fxg4 68.Qf7# Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.15 (very precise)

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C10

□ **Zelcic,Robert** **2444**

■ **Mirzoev,Azer** **2429**

Innsbruck op (5) 27.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.c3 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qe2 b6 10.Bf4 Bb7 11.Rd1 Qc8 12.0-0 c5 13.dxc5**

[13.Rfe1 simplifies Qc6 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Nd4]

13...Qxc5 14.Ne5 Rad8 15.Rfe1 Qc8N

[15...Bd6 16.Bg3 Bb8 17.a3 Rd5 18.c4 Rdd8 19.b4 Qe7 20.Bh4 Kh8 21.Bb1 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Bxe5 23.Qxe5 Rd8 24.Re1 h6 25.f3 Kg8 26.Rc1 Bc6 27.Bc2 Rd2 28.Be1 Rd8 29.b5 Be8 30.Bb4 1-0 Tiviakov,S (2674)-Cao,S (2502) DYTM KL Open 2012 (5)]

16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Rfe8 18.h3 a6 19.a4 Rd5 20.Bc2 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Re1 Qc5 23.Bb3 Bh4xf6 is the strong threat. **23...Bd5 24.Bxd5 Rxd5 25.b4?** -2.98/23

[25.Bxf6= 0.02/21 and White has nothing to worry. Bxf6 26.Ng4]

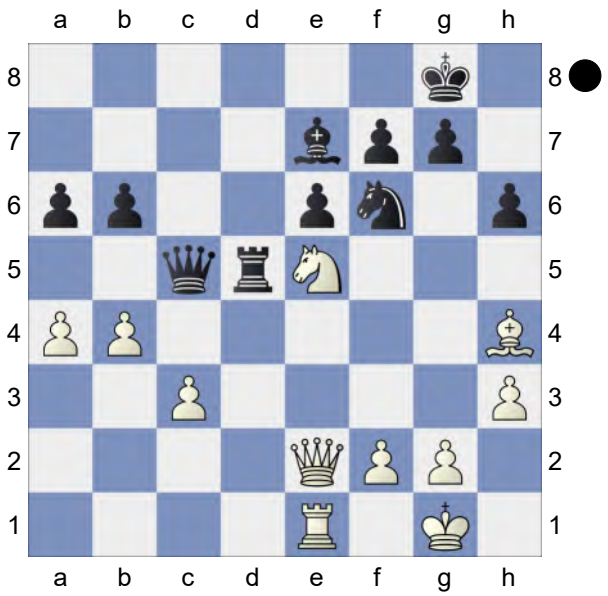
(Diagram)

25...Qxc3-+ 26.Nxf7 Bxb4 27.Nxh6+ Kh7

[27...gxh6 28.Qxe6+ Kf8 29.Re3 Qc1+ 30.Kh2 Qc7+ 31.Bg3∓]

28.Rb1 Kxh6

[28...gxh6? is the wrong capture. 29.Qxe6 *(29.Bxf6 Qxf6 30.Rxb4 b5±)* 29...Rd6 30.Qf7+ *(30.Qe7+ Kg8±)* 30...Kh8 31.Rxb4 Qe1+



32.Kh2 Qxb4 33.Bxf6+ Rxf6 34.Qxf6+ Kh7 35.Qf5+ Kg7 36.Qd7+ Kf6 37.Qd8+ Kf7 38.Qd5+ Kf6 39.Qc6+ Ke5 40.Qxh6+-]

29.Bxf6 gxf6 30.Qxe6 Rd6 -1.78/25

[⌓30...Rd2 -3.07/24 31.Qg8 Bc5 32.Qh8+ Kg6 33.Qg8+ Kf5 34.Qc8+ Kf4 35.Qb8+ Qe5 36.g3+ Kf3 37.Qb7+ Qd5 38.Qxd5+ Rxd5 39.Rb3+ Ke4]

31.Qg8 -2.32/23

[31.Qe8 -1.78/25 is a better defense.]

31...a5? -0.01/27

[31...Rd7-+ -2.32/23 Threatens to win with ...Bb4-c5. 32.Qg4 Rd4]

32.Rb3 -1.48/25

[32.Qh8+= -0.01/27 Kg6 33.Qg8+ Kf5 34.Qg4+ Ke5 35.Qe2+ Kf5 *(35...Kd5 36.Qb5+ Qc5 37.Rd1+ Ke6 38.Qe8+ Kf5 39.Qh5+ Kf4 40.g3+ Ke4 41.Qe2+ Kf5 42.Qh5+ Ke4 43.Qg4+ Ke5 44.Qe2+ Kf5 45.Qg4+ Ke5 46.Qe2+ Kf5=)* 36.Qg4+ Ke5 37.Qe2+ Kd5 38.Qb5+ Ke4 39.Qe2+ Kf4 40.Qg4+ Ke5]

32...Rd1+ -1.10/5

[⌓32...Rd8 -1.48/25 (→ ...Qc3-e1+) 33.Qxd8 Qxb3 34.Qxf6+ Kh7 35.Qxb6 Qxa4 36.Qb7+ Kh6 37.Qb6+ Kh7 38.Qb7+ Kg6 39.Qa6+ Kg7 40.Qa7+ Kg6 41.Qa6+ Kf7 42.Qc4+ Ke7]

33.Kh2∓ Bd6+ -0.88/27

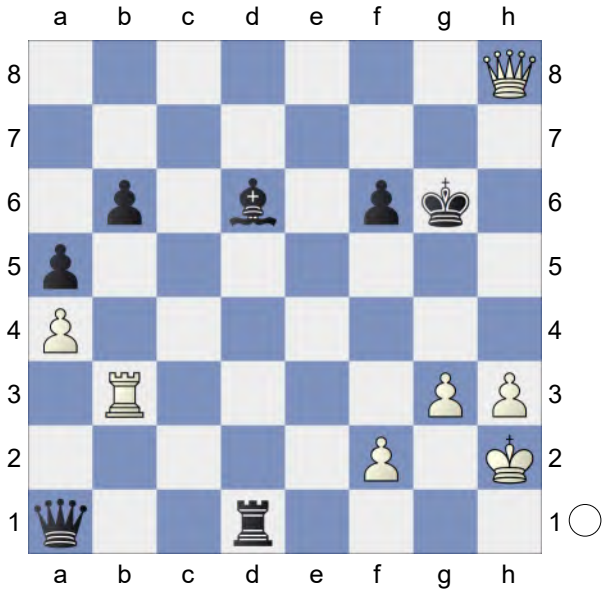
[Better is 33...Rd8 -1.46/25 34.Qxd8 Qxb3 35.Qxf6+ Kh7 36.Qxb6 Qxa4 37.Qb7+ Kh6 38.Qb6+ Kg7 39.Qd4+ Kf7 40.Qc4+ Ke7]

34.g3 Qa1 0.01/29

[34...Qc7∓ -0.92/27 White must now prevent ...Rd1-d2. 35.Qh8+ Kg6 36.Qg8+ Qg7]

35.Qh8+= The position is equal.

35...Kg6 36.Qg8+ Kh6 37.Qh8+ Kg6



Strongly threatening ...Rd1-h1+.

38.Qg8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.29 (precise)

½-½

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□ **Topalov,Veselin** **2796**
■ **Kamsky,Gata** **2725**
World Chess Challenge (7) 26.02.2009
[Stohl,Igor]

1.e4 Mikhalchishin,Adrian Mikhalchishin,Adrian Stohl,I Stohl,I **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5**
[Game 5 featured 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 , here Topalov goes for the main alternative.]
4...Qxd5 Black doesn't want to defend an isolated queen's ♙ and strives for free development of his forces. This line was highly popular in the 1980s, although it lost most of its appeal towards the end of the 20-th century, when Black mostly turned to 3... ♘f6. Black's choice is still largely a matter of taste, the other main move
[4...exd5 is also far from refuted and objectively hardly any worse - Korchnoi used it successfully in his 1974 match against Karpov. 5.Ngf3 Nf6 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Nb3 Nce4 11.Nfd4 Qd7 12.Qf3 g6 13.Bh6 Ng4 14.Bf4 0-0 15.h3 Ngf6 16.c3 Rfe8 17.Rfd1 Bd8 18.Nc2 Bb6 19.Nbd4 Re7 20.Ne3 Rae8 21.Ng4 Nxg4 22.hxg4 Qc8= 1/2 Topalov,V (2455)-Fries Nielsen,J (2415)/Copenhagen/1991/]
5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0
[A very ambitious idea is 7.Qe2!? , after Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Bg5 a6 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Bd3 Be7 12.Rhe1 Bb7 *(12...Bd7!?)* 13.Nfxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Qd5?! *(14...Nd5±; 14...Bd5!?)* 15.Nf5 Qxa2 16.Qe5! Qa1+ 17.Kd2 Qa5+ 18.c3 Ne4+? *(18...Kf8±)* 19.Bxe4 Bxg5+ 20.Ke2 Bxe4 21.Nxg7+ Kf8 22.Qxg5+- Ganguly,S (2603)-Petrik,T (2487)/Dresden olm/2008/ Black was soon crushed. However, Topalov is one point up with two games to go and doesn't need double-edged positions with opposite-side castling.]
7...Nf6 8.Re1 This idea gained it's share of attention after Kasparov used it against Gelfand in Astana 2001.
[However, the main line is still 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 and now Moskalenko advocates Petrosian's simple developing move Be7!? , which seems quite solid: *(10...a6* and*; 10...Bd7* occur far more often, but are perhaps no better. *)*
A) 11.b3 0-0 12.Bb2 Qf4 13.Nf3 b6 14.Be5 Qg4 15.Nd4 Qxd1 16.Raxd1 Bb7 17.Nb5 Bc5 18.Bd6 Bxd6 19.Rxd6 Rfc8 20.Rfd1 Kf8= 1/2, Tal,M (2615)-Petrosian,T (2625)/Biel izt plof/1976/;
B) 11.Nb5 Qc6 *(11...Qb8!? 12.Bg5 0-0 13.Re1 a6 14.Nc3 b5 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.Qe2 Qc7 17.Rad1 Rfd8=* Alonso Fernandez,M (2196)-Gavilan Diaz,M (2081)/Mondariz/2004/ *)* 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Bf4 a6 14.Nd4 Qc5 15.Nb3 Qc6 16.Nd4 Qc5= 1/2,Tal,M (2615)-Petrosian,T (2635)/Tbilisi/1976/;
C) 11.c3 0-0 12.Qf3 *(12.Re1* can lead to the position from our game. *)* 12...Qc7 13.Bb3 *(13.Bd3 Bd7 14.Bg5 Nd5 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Rfe1 Rad8=* 1/2, Cooper,L (2313)-Lalic,B (2538)/Bunratty/2009/ *)* 13...Bd7 14.Bg5 Rad8 *(14...Nd5!?=* Illescas *)* 15.Bh4 Bc8 16.Rfe1 a6 17.Rad1 Rfe8 18.Bc2 Nd5 19.Bg3 Bd6 20.Bb3 Bxg3

21.hxg3 Nf6 22.Nc2= 1/2, Illescas Cordoba,M (2603)-Moskalenko,V (2569)/Barcelona/2008/;

D) 11.Be3 0-0 12.Qf3 Qc7 13.Bb3 Bd7 14.h3 Rac8 15.Rad1 b5 16.Rfe1 Rfe8 17.Bf4 Qb6 18.a3 b4 19.axb4 Bxb4 20.c3 Be7 21.Be5 a5 22.Ra1 Onischuk,A (2610)-Gulko,B (2585)/New York op/1998/ a4=]

8...Be7 Kamsky played this quickly, just as in the above note Black strives first of all to safeguard his ♔.

[8...Nc6 is played more often, but it can lead to the same position after both of White's main reactions:

A) 9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Rxe4 Be7

A1) Later White tried 11.Bf4, but this is also far from convincing: Qc5 12.Bd3 Bf6 13.a3 0-0 *(13...a5!? 14.Re1 0-0 15.Nd2 Be7 16.Nc4 Rd8 17.Bc7 Rd7 18.Bb6 Qg5 19.Qe2 a4 20.Rad1 Bf6 21.Qe4 g6 22.Nd2 Bd8 23.Bxd8 Rxd8 24.f4 Qc5∓* Marcotulli,G (2484)-Legemaat,G (2381)/corr/2004/) 14.b4 Qb6! *(14...Qh5?! 15.b5 Ne7 16.Be5 Nd5 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 Nf6 19.Qd2 a6 20.b6 Qc5 21.Re1 Qxb6 22.Ne5→ Nd5? 23.Bxh7+ Kxh7 24.Rh4+ Kg8 25.Qd3 g6 26.Qh3 Qa5 27.Rh8+ Kg7 28.Qh6+* 1-0, Hracek,Z (2584)-Kelly,B (2487)/ECC Rethymnon/2003/) 15.Re1 *(15.b5 Ne7 16.Nxd4 Nd5 17.Be5 Rd8∞ /∓)* 15...Ne7 16.Qe2 Nd5 17.Qe4 g6 18.Be5 Rd8 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.Qh4 Kg7 21.Rad1 a5 22.Bf1 axb4 23.axb4 h6 24.Ne5 Ra4 25.Rd3 Qxb4 26.Rf3 Qe7∓ Marcotulli,G-Sandstroem,B/corr/2004/ *(26...g5 27.Rg3 Qxe1 28.Rxg5+ hxg5 29.Qxg5+ Kh7 30.Qh4+=)*;

A2) 11.Nxd4

A2a) 11...0-0 12.Bf4 Qc5

A2a1) 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Bd3 Mikhalchishin, Adrian: ' ±!?' '±!?' b5 15.a4 a6 16.Re3 Bb7 17.Be4 Kasparov,G (2835)-Gelfand,B (2712)/Astana/2001/ Qb6 *(17...Qc8!? 18.Rc3 Bxe4 19.Rxc8 Raxc8∞)* 18.a5 Qa7=;

A2a2) 13.Bd3!± ↑,Kasparov;

A2b) The principled continuation is 11...e5!, the forced series of moves 12.Bf4 *(12.Qf3 Nxd4 13.Qxf7+ Kd8 14.Qxg7 Re8∓)* 12...exf4 13.Nxc6 Qxd1+ 14.Rxd1 bxc6 15.Rde1 Kf8 16.Rxe7 Be6 17.R1xe6 fxe6 18.Rc7 *(18.Rxe6 Re8 19.Rxc6 Re1+ 20.Bf1 Ke7 21.Rc7+ Kf6 22.Rc6+ Kg5∓* Moreno Tejera,E (2360)-Matamoros Franco,C (2472)/Lorca/2003/) 18...h5! leads to a sharp ⊥, in which even Black can have winning chances, if White overdoes it: 19.Kf1 Rh6 20.Rxc6 *(20.Ke2 Rf6 21.Rxc6 Rd8 22.a4 Ke7 23.Ra6 Rd7 24.Bd3 f3+ 25.gxf3 Rf4∓* Efimenko,Z (2590)-Petrik,T (2393)/Cappelle la Grande/2003/) 20...Rd8 *(20...Re8 21.Rc7 Re7 22.Rc8+ Re8 23.Rc7*

Re7 24.Rc8+ 1/2, Kurnosov,I (2549)-Najer,E (2614)/Kazan/ 2005/ *)* 21.Bd3 Ke7 22.Ra6 Rd7 23.h4! Oral,T *(23.Ra5?! h4 24.h3 g6* Δ♖ h5 ∓ *25.Ra6 g5 26.Ke2 Kf6 27.b3 Rh8 28.Bc4 Re7 29.Rc6 Rb8 30.a4 Rb6 31.Rc8 e5 32.Rf8+ Kg6 33.Rg8+ Kf5 34.a5 Rd6 35.Rf8+ Rf6*∓ Oral,T (2565)-Wang Hao (2456)/Calvia olm/2004/) 23...e5 *(23...Rf6 24.Ra5 g6 25.Ke2 f3+ 26.gxf3 Rf4 27.Bxg6 Rxh4 28.Rxh5=)* 24.Ra5 Kd6 25.Ke2∞;

B) 9.Nb3 again gives Black a choice between transposing to the game with 9...Be7 *(* or sharper moves as *9...Bd7* or*; 9...a6)*]

9.Nb3 Just as on move 7, Topalov makes the more restrained move and is simply content with regaining the ♙.

[9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Rxe4 Nc6 -8...♘c6]

9...Nc6 10.Nbxd4 Nxd4

[10...0-0 11.Nxc6 Qxc6 12.Ne5↑]

11.Nxd4

[11.Qxd4 Qxd4 12.Nxd4 Bd7=]

11...0-0 12.c3 Stohl,I: 'can lead to the position from our game.' **12...Bd7**

[12...e5 13.Nf3

A) 13...Qc7 Ehlvest,J (2589)-Lobron,E (2517)/Reykjavik/2002/ 14.Nxe5! Bd6 15.Qd4 Bxe5 16.Rxe5 Rd8 17.Qf4 Rd1+ 18.Bf1 Qc6 *(18...Be6 19.Re1±)* 19.c4 Be6 20.b3±;

B) 13...Qxd1 14.Rxd1 Bg4 15.Re1 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Bd6 17.Be3 Rfc8 18.Bb3 a5 19.Rad1 Ra6 20.Kg2 h6 21.Bc2± Hotting,A (2479)-Bendig,F (2373)/corr/2004/ This endgame is pleasant and riskless for White with his ♖, no wonder Kamsky avoids it.]

[12...Qc7 13.Bb3 Bd7 14.Bg5 Nd5 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Qh5 Rae8 17.Re3 g6 18.Qg5 Kg7 19.Rh3 Ng8 20.Qh4 h6 21.Nc2 e5 22.Rg3 Ne7 23.Ne3 Nf5= Minhazuddin,A (2339)-Panggabean,H (2254)/Kuala Lumpur/ 2008/]

13.Qf3

[13.Bg5? Qc5 14.Bxf6 Bxf6∓ Middelhoven,H-Marcus,J (2274)/ Haarlem/2001/]

[13.Bb3 Bc6 14.Bg5 1/2, Adams,M (2715)-Seirawan,Y (2647)/Bermuda/ 2000/ Rfd8⇄]

[13.Qe2 Rac8 14.Bb3 Qb6 15.Be3 Bc5 16.Bg5 Bxd4 17.cxd4 Qb5 18.Qe5 Qxe5 19.dxe5 Nd5 20.Rac1 Bc6 21.Bxd5 Bxd5= Arnason,J (2500)-Eingorn,V (2570)/Moscow/ 1990/]

13...Qb6!N An interesting novelty, which puts White's ♔ under pressure and gives Black good ⇄. Kamsky was still playing quite fast, indicating that he was still following his preparation.

[13...Qc7 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'Ü 45/ (315)' Mikhalchishin,Adrian: 'Ü 45/ (315)' 14.Bd3 *(14.Bb3 Bd6 15.h3 e5 16.Nc2 e4 17.Qe2 Qc5 18.Ne3 Rae8 19.Nf1 Qf5∞* /∓,Cioara,A (2422)-Kruppa,Y (2538)/Bucharest/ 2006/ *)*

A) 14...Bd6 15.g3 *(15.h3 a6 16.Bg5 Be5 17.Qe3 Bh2+ 18.Kh1 Nd5 19.Qe4 f5 20.Qe2 Rae8 21.g3 Bxg3 22.fxg3 Qxg3 23.Nf3 Qxh3+*≅ Horvath,T (2475)-Almasi,I (2370)/HUN-chT 9394/1994/) 15...Be5 16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.Bxb5 Rfd8 18.Bf1 Nd5 19.Bd2 Bf6

20.Rad1 Qb6 21.Bc1± Ciornas,V (2357)-Saul,A (2100)/corr/2005/;
B) 14...Rfe8 15.Bg5 *(15.Bf4!? Qb6 16.Re2±)* 15...Nd5 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.Rad1 Ba4 18.Bc2 Bxc2 19.Nxc2= 1/2, Sokolov,A (2595)-Nogueiras Santiago,J (2560)/Brussels/1988/]
[13...Rac8 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Bb3 Bc6 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.Qxc6 Rxc6 18.Rad1 Rcc8 19.Rd3 Rfd8 20.Red1 Rxd3 21.Rxd3 Kf8 22.Kf1 Bc5 23.f3 Ke7 24.Ke2± Liberzon,V (2480)-Tatai,S (2385)/EU-chT Haifa/1989/]

14.Bb3
[14.Bf4 Qxb2 15.Rab1 Qa3 16.Rxb7 seems promising for White, but is in fact at best unclear after Rac8 17.Bb3 Qc5⇄ *(17...a5!?=)*]
[14.b3!? Mikhalchishin,Adrian Bc5 15.Be3 e5 16.Nc2 *(16.Nf5?! e4 17.Qf4 Bxf5 18.Qxf5 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Rad8∞)* 16...Bc6 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qe3! Qxe3 19.Rxe3! *(19.Nxe3 Rad8)* 19...Rfe8 20.Rae1 e4 21.Nd4±]

14...a5 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' '!'
[The text-move is more enterprising, than 14...Bc5 15.Bg5 *(15.Be3 a5 -14...a5)* 15...Bxd4 16.cxd4 Bc6 17.Qd3 Bb5 *(17...Nd5 18.Bc2↑; 17...Qb5?! 18.Qxb5 Bxb5 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.d5↑)* 18.Qe3 Nd5=]

15.Be3
[15.Nf5?! exf5 16.Rxe7 a4 17.Bc4 Rae8C is risky for White.]

15...Bc5 Stohl,I: '-14...a5' **16.Rad1** Defensive moves are fine for Black, therefore Topalov sacrifices a ♙ and heads for immense complications.
[16.Qe2 a4 17.Bc4 e5 18.Nc2 *(18.Nf3 Bg4!↑)* 18...Rac8=]
[16.Re2?! e5 *(16...a4 17.Bc2 Nd5 18.Rd1∞)* 17.Nf5 e4 18.Qf4 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Bxe3 20.fxe3 a4↑]
[However, objectively the text-move is quite risky and White still had 16.Bg5!? Bxd4 17.cxd4 Bc6 18.Qd3= , which is similar to 14...♗c5 and rather sterile.]
[16.Rab1!? Mikhalchishin,Adrian]

16...a4 17.Bc2
[17.Bc4!? gives Black a choice: Black can also ignore the ♙, a fighting alternative is
A) 17...Qxb2 18.Bh6!?
A1) 18...Bc6 19.Qg3 *(19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Re2 Qb8 21.Bf4 Qb6∞ /∓)* 19...Nh5 20.Qh4 Ra5 *(20...Bxd4 21.cxd4 Ra5 22.Bc1↑)* 21.Re5 Qxc3 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Rxh5 Bxf2+ *(23...gxh6 24.Bd3→)* 24.Kxf2 Rxh5 25.Qxh5 Qxc4 26.Qg5 Qxa2+ 27.Rd2 Qa1 28.Rd8 f5 29.Rd7 Qb2+ 30.Ke1 Qb1+ 31.Kf2 Qb2+=;
A2) 18...Bd6 19.Bg5 *(19.Rb1 Qa3 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Rxb5 Nd5!?∓)* 19...Rfc8 20.Rb1 Qa3 21.Bxf6 Rxc4 22.Qxb7 Rac8 23.Qxd7 R4c7 24.Qb5 gxf6 25.Qa6!= /±;
A3) 18...Be7 19.Qg3 Nh5 20.Qf3 Nf6= with repetition is probably the most prudent option.;
B) 17...e5!? 18.Nf5 Bxf5 *(18...e4 19.Ne7+ Kh8 20.Qg3 Bxe3 21.Qxe3 Qxb2 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.Bxd5 Rac8=)* 19.Qxf5 Bxe3 20.Rxe3 e4∞ 21.Qb5 Mikhalchishin,Adrian Qxb5 22.Bxb5 a3 23.bxa3 Rxa3 24.Bc4 Re8 25.h3 Kf8 26.Bb3 Ra5∞]

17...Qxb2! Consistently accepting the challenge.
[≤17...Nd5 18.Bc1±]
[17...e5?! 18.Nf5
A) 18...Bxe3 19.Qxe3↑ Δ Qxb2? 20.Rxd7! Qxc2 *(20...Nxd7 21.Qg5 g6 22.Qh6 gxf5 23.Bxf5 Nf6 24.Qg5++-)* 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Rd2+-;
B) 18...Bxf5 19.Bxc5 Qxc5 20.Bxf5± /=]
18.Bg5 Nd5
[≤18...Bxd4 19.Rxd4
A) 19...Qxc2? 20.Bxf6 Bc6 21.Rg4 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' '!' Qg6 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' '!' *(21...g6 22.Qe3 Qf5 23.Rf4 Qd5 24.Rf3!+-)* 22.Qf4!± *(22.Rxg6* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *fxg6 23.Qd3 gxf6 24.Rxe6 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8=)*;
B) 19...Nd5 20.Rd2⩱]
19.c4 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '∓' '∓'
19...Bxd4
[Apart from the simple and straightforward text-move Black had also the alternative 19...g6 20.cxd5 Bxd4
A) 21.Rd2 Qc3 *(21...Qxa2 22.dxe6 fxe6 23.Qe4⇄)* 22.Qf4 Bg7 23.Qd6 Bc8!?∓;
B) 21.Re2
B1) 21...Qb6 22.Rb1 Qc5!? *(22...Qa6 23.Bd3 b5 24.Bh6∞)* 23.Bh6 *(23.Rxb7 Bb5↑)* 23...Rfd8 24.Rxb7 *(24.Be4!?)* 24...exd5 25.Bxa4 Rab8!∓;
B2) 21...Qc3!? 22.dxe6 *(22.Be4* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *Qxf3 23.Bxf3 e5 24.d6 Ra6 25.Be7 Rb6 26.Bxf8 Kxf8⩱* Shipov,S *)* 22...Bxe6 23.Be4 Ra5∓]
[19...Nb4?! 20.Bxh7+ Kxh7 21.Re2 Nc2 22.Rxc2±]
[19...Nb6 20.Re2 Qb4 *(20...Bxd4 21.Bxh7+ Kxh7 22.Rxb2 Bxb2 23.Be3±)* 21.Bf6⩱ *(21.Bd3!? Δ Bxd4 22.Qe4↑)*]
20.Qd3
[20.Re2 g6 transposes into the 19...g6 lines, as *(20...h6!?∓* also seems playable*; 20...Qb6 21.Qd3 g6 22.Qxd4 Qxd4 23.Rxd4 Nb6 24.Red2 Bc6 25.Bf6⩱)* 21.Bxg6? runs into fxg6 22.Rxb2 Rxf3 23.Rxd4 Rf5-+]
20...f5!
[≤20...g6? 21.Qxd4 Qxd4 *(21...Qxc2 22.Bh6 Qc3 23.Bxf8±)* 22.Rxd4 Nb4 *(22...Rfc8 23.Be4+-; 22...Nb6 23.Rb1±)* 23.Rxd7 Nxc2 24.Rc1 Nb4 *(24...f6 25.Bd2+-)* 25.Be7! Nxa2 26.Rc2± traps the ♘ and gives White a clear ⊥ advantage due to Black's weak back rank. Shipov gives an unforced, but pretty continuation Rfc8 27.Rxa2 Rxc4 28.f3 b5 29.Rb7 Rc1+ 30.Kf2 Rb1 31.Bf6 h6 32.Rxa4!+-]
21.Qxd4 Qxc2 22.cxd5
[White wants to keep the tension, 22.Rd2 Qc3 23.cxd5 Qxd4 24.Rxd4 exd5∓ gives Black a healthy extra ♙ and winning chances.]
22...Qxa2 Just as on move 17, Kamsky chooses a risky, but consistent alternative, now Topalov must reckon with the ♙a4. After other moves White's initiative would fully compensate the missing ♙, even the ♟ giving his attack an extra impulse. **23.Qb6**
[23.Qb4 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '⌓' '⌓' Rae8!? *(23...a3? 24.Rd2+-; 23...Qb3 24.Qd6 Bb5 25.Rb1 Qd3 26.Red1 Qe2 27.Re1=)* 24.Qxb7 Rf7∓ 25.d6⩱

Mikhalchishin,Adrian]

23...a3!? Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' '!'

[23...exd5? 24.Qxb7+- ɣd7]

[23...Qc4 24.Qd6⇄]

[23...Rae8 from the previous note is playable, but the text-move is even more ambitious.]

24.Be7! The best move, White's ♗ joins the fight against the ♙a3.

[24.Qd6 Ba4 25.Qxe6+ Rf7 26.Ra1 Qc4 27.Be7 *(27.Rxa3? Re8; 27.Rec1* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *Bc2 28.Qe5 f4∓)* 27...a2 28.d6 Qxe6 *(28...Bb5∓)* 29.Rxe6 Bb5 30.Re5 Bc4 31.d7 Rxe7 32.Rxe7 Kf8↑ 33.d8Q+ Rxd8 34.Rxb7 Rd2↑]

[24.dxe6 Bc6∓ *(24...Bxe6 25.Qxe6+ Qxe6 26.Rxe6 b5 27.Kf1 b4 28.Re3* Δ♖b3 and the blockade holds. *)*]

[24.Qxb7 Mikhalchishin,Adrian Ba4∓]

24...Rfe8 25.Qd6?!

[25.Qxb7 Ba4 26.Ra1 Qxd5 *(26...Qb2 27.Qb4∓* is similar*)* 27.Qxd5 exd5 28.Bxa3∓ leads to an ⊥ White should be able to hold in the long run. Instead Topalov plays vabanque.]

25...Ba4? Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '?!' '?!' An important moment. Kamsky, surprised by White's previous move, spent about 30 minutes. He reacts badly and loses control, moreover getting into time-trouble (which lead to more mistakes). Black had 2 better moves, which would have given him an advantage:

[25...Kf7 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!?' '!?'

A) 26.Qxd7 Rxe7 27.dxe6+ Qxe6!-+;

B) 26.Bg5 Bb5∓ *(26...Ba4* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *27.Rd2 Qc4 28.Rd4 Qc8 29.Qxa3 Bc6∓)*;

C) 26.Bf6 Mikhalchishin,Adrian gxf6 27.Qxd7+ Re7 28.dxe6+ Qxe6 29.Qd2 Qxe1+! 30.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 31.Qxe1 a2 32.Qa1 b5-+;

D) 26.Qc7 Mikhalchishin,Adrian Rxe7 27.d6 Ree8 28.Qxd7+ Kg8 29.Qxb7∓;

E) 26.Rxe6 Qb3 *(26...Qc2* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *27.Rde1)* 27.Rde1

E1) 27...Qb5 allows White to bail out with 28.Bf6! Bxe6 29.dxe6+ Kxf6 *(29...Kg6 30.Qg3+ Kxf6 31.Qc3+=)* 30.e7+ Kg5□ 31.h4+ Kxh4 *(31...Kh5? 32.Qg3 f4 33.Qf3++-)* 32.Qg3+ Kh5 33.Qh2+ Kg6 34.Qd6+=;

E2) 27...Qa4!?∓ Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '∓!']

[25...Bc8 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' '!' 26.Qc7! *(26.dxe6? Qc4* is hopeless*)* 26...Qb3 *(26...Qb2 27.d6 a2 28.Ra1∓)* 27.d6 a2

A) 28.d7? Bxd7 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' '!' 29.Qxd7 Qxd1!-+ 30.Qxd1 Mikhalchishin,Adrian a1Q 31.Qxa1 Rxa1 32.Rxa1 Rxe7-+;

B) 28.Bf6 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' '!' Bd7! *(28...gxf6? 29.d7 Bxd7 30.Rxd7+- a1Q* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *31.Rg7++-)* 29.Bxg7 *(29.Ba1* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *Qb5 30.Qc3 e5∓)* 29...Kxg7 30.Qxd7+ Kg8∓ 31.h3 Mikhalchishin,Adrian b5∓;

C) 28.Ra1 Qa4 *(28...Ra6!?* Δ *29.d7 Bxd7 30.Qxd7 Qa4∓)* 29.Re2 Qd4 30.Qc1 Bd7 31.Rexa2 Rxa2 32.Rxa2 Rc8 33.Qe1 b5∓]

26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.Ra1 Qc4

[27...Qb3 Mikhalchishin,Adrian 28.Rxa3 Qxa3 29.Bxa3 Rxe6 30.dxe6 Kg8±]

28.Rec1?! Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '?' '?' Black was down to 8 minutes and Topalov wants to pursue his own ambitions. Altough in the end this risky gamble pays off, the prudent choice was

[28.Rxa3 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' Bb3

A) 29.Bf6!! Mikhalchishin,Adrian gxf6 30.Qxf6+ Kg8 31.Rxa8 Rxa8 32.h4! Qxd5 33.Re7 Qd1+ 34.Kh2 Qg4 35.Re3 Rf8 36.Qh6 *(36.Qe7 Rf7 37.Qd8+ Rf8 38.Qc7 f4 39.Rxb3 Rf7 40.Qb8+ Kg7 41.Qe5+±)* 36...Qb4 37.Rg3+ Kf7 38.Qg7+ Ke6 39.Re3+ Kd5 40.Rxb3 Qxb3 41.Qxf8 Qc2± Sutovsky,E;

B) 29.Rxa8 Rxa8 30.Qxf5 Qxd5=]

[28.Qxf5!?= Mikhalchishin,Adrian]

28...Bc2! Δb5-b4 **29.Qd7?**

[⌓29.Qe3 f4 *(29...a2? 30.d6± Δd7; 29...Rad8* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *30.Qxa3 Rxd5∓)* 30.Qc5 Qxc5 31.Bxc5 Be4 *(31...a2 32.Rxc2 Re1+ 33.Rxe1 a1Q 34.Rce2⩱)* 32.d6 *(32.Rxa3 Bxd5∓)* 32...a2 33.d7 Red8 34.Bb6 Rxd7 35.Rxa2 Rf8∓]

29...a2 Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '∓' '∓' **30.d6**

[30.Qxb7 Qe4 31.h4 Bb1 Δ 32.Bg5 Qe5 33.Raxb1 Rab8 34.Qxb8 Rxb8 35.Rxb8+ Qxb8 36.d6 h6 37.Bf4 Qb2 38.d7 Qd4-+]

30...b5 31.Qb7

[31.Qc7 Qxc7 32.dxc7 Bb3-+]

31...Reb8?

[The wrong move-order, after 31...b4! 32.d7 Reb8-+ Black disarms White's ♁ and wins.]

32.Qc7 Rc8?⊕ Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '?' '?' The final mistake, which loses material, the game and the whole match.

[32...Bd3! 33.Rxc4 bxc4

A) 34.Qxb8+ Rxb8 35.h4 Rb1+ *(35...Rb7∓* Mikhalchishin,Adrian*)* 36.Kh2 Rxa1 37.d7 Rh1+ 38.Kg3 h6 39.d8Q+ Kh7 40.Bf6! gxf6 41.Qe7+ Kg6 42.Qe8+ Kg7 43.Qe7+=;

B) 34.h4 Rb1+ 35.Kh2 Rxa1 36.d7 Rh1+ 37.Kg3 Rg8 38.d8Q a1Q 39.Qcb8 *(39.Qxg8+ Kxg8 40.Qd8+ Kf7 41.Qf8+ Ke6 42.Qc8+! Kxe7 43.Qc7+ Ke6 44.Qc6+ Ke5 45.Qc5+=)* 39...f4+□ 40.Kf3 Qd1+ 41.Kxf4 g5+ 42.Bxg5 Rxh4+ 43.Bxh4 Qg4+ 44.Ke5 Qe4+ 45.Kd6 Qd4+=]

33.Qxc4 Rxc4 34.d7 Bb1

[34...Rd4 35.d8Q+ Rdxd8 36.Bxd8 Bb3 37.Be7+-]

[Kamsky probably overlooked 34...b4? 35.Rxa2!+- *(35.d8Q+? Rxd8 36.Bxd8 b3∓)*]

35.Rd1!+- Mikhalchishin,Adrian: '!' '!'

[35.Rxc4 bxc4 36.d8Q+ Rxd8 37.Bxd8 c3 38.Kf1 *(38.Ba5* Mikhalchishin,Adrian *c2 39.Bd2+-)* 38...c2 39.Bg5 also wins in the long run, but the text-move is even more incisive.]

35...Kg8 36.d8Q+ Rxd8 37.Bxd8 Bc2 38.Rdc1 b4

[38...Bb3 39.Rxc4 Bxc4 40.Ba5+-]

39.Rxa2 b3 40.Ra8 Kf7

[40...b2 41.Bf6++-]

41.Rb8 Ke6 42.Re1+ Kd5 43.Be7 Ra4 44.Bf8 Ra7 45.h4

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C06
□ **Decuigniere,Tom** 2393
■ **Christiansen,Johan Sebastian**
Andorra op 39th (3) 24.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 a5N** 0.75/19

[7...Qa5= 0.26/20 8.Bd2 Qb6 9.Qc2 *(9.Ne2 c4 10.Bc2 Qxb2 11.a4 Qb6 12.Nf4 Be7 13.Nh5 g6 14.Ng7+ Kf8 15.Bh6 Kg8 16.Qd2 Qd8 17.g4 a5 18.Rg1 Nb4 19.Rc1 Nxc2+ 20.Rxc2 Ra6 21.Qf4 Bf8 22.Bg5 Be7 23.Nh5 Bxg5 0-1 Cano,G (2221)-Roos (2515) (ol) 10/522 Siegen 1970 (6))* 9...h6 *(9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Nf3 Qc5 13.Qa4 a6 14.0-0 b5 15.Qg4 h6 16.Rac1 Qa7 17.Be3 Qb8 18.Bg6 Be7 19.Qxe6 Nxe5 20.Rxc8+ Qxc8 21.Qxe5 0-0 22.Qxd5 Qd8 23.Qb3 Qd6 24.Be4* 1-0 Delaplace,T (2500)-6.Be3 Qb6 7. Nc3 Qb2 8 (2541) SWZ-GP 1990 (5)) 10.Qb3 Qxb3 11.axb3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nb4 13.Bxb4 Bxb4+ 14.Nd2 0-0 15.Rc1 f6 16.f4 Nb8 17.Ne2 Nc6 18.Rc2 g5 19.0-0 gxf4 20.Nf3 Ba5 21.exf6 Rxf6 22.Bb5 Nb4 0-1 Schiller,W (2305)-Backe,P (2365) corr MN/056 ICCF 1998]

8.Nh3 0.36/22

[Better is 8.Ne2± 0.75/19]

8...cxd4 9.cxd4 a4 0.75/19

[9...Bb4+± 0.36/19 might be stronger. 10.Kf1 Qb6]

10.0-0± Nb6 11.Nfg5 g6 12.Nf3 0.68/19

[White should try 12.Qg4± 1.04/19]

12...Nb4 13.Bb1 0.46/20

[13.Bg5± 1.01/20 Be7 14.Bh6]

13...Bd7 14.Bg5 Be7 15.Bh6 Nc4 16.Qc1 Qb6 1.97/20

[16...Bb5± 0.57/21]

17.Nhg5+- Threatens to win with Qc1-f4.

17...Nc6 18.Qf4 Nd8 2.27/21

[⌓18...Bxg5 1.82/21 19.Nxg5 0-0-0 20.Nxf7 *(20.b3 Nxd4 21.Qf6 Nd2+-)* 20...Nxb2]

19.h4 Bb5 20.h5 Na3 2.34/20

[⌓20...gxh5 1.73/21 21.Rc1 *(21.Bxh7 Nxb2 22.Bg7 Rxh7±; 21.Nxh7 Nc6+-)* 21...Nxb2]

21.Nxf7? -0.48/22

[21.bxa3 Bxf1 22.hxg6 *(22.Kxf1? Qb2-+)* 22...hxg6 23.Nxf7 Nxf7±]

[21.Re1+- 2.34/20 Nxb1 22.Bg7 *(22.Rexb1 gxh5 23.Rd1 Bc4±)*]

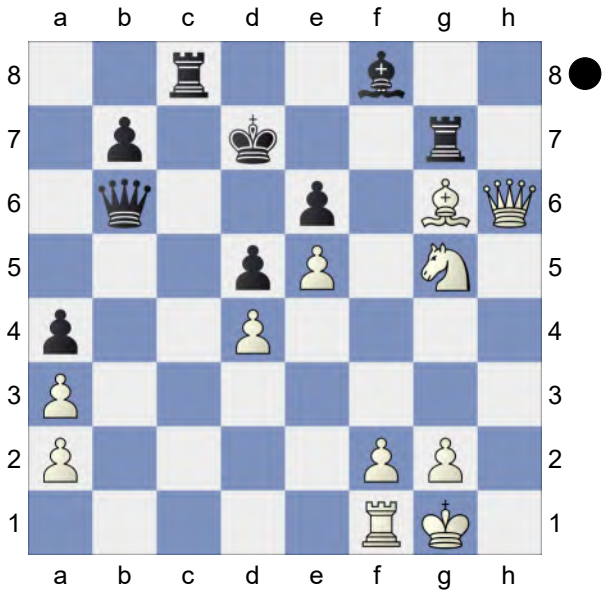
21...Nxf7∓ 22.hxg6! Nxh6 23.g7! Rg8 24.Bxh7 Rxg7 25.Qxh6 Bf8

[25...Rxh7 simplifies 26.Qxh7 Bxf1 27.Rxf1 Nb5]

26.Bg6+ Kd7! 27.bxa3 Bxf1

[27...Bd3 28.Qxg7+ *(28.Bxd3 Rxg2+* Discovered Attack *29.Kxg2 Bxh6=)* 28...Bxg7 29.Bxd3±]

28.Rxf1 Rc8 29.Ng5



Rf1-b1 would now be deadly. **29...Re7** 0.60/22

[29...Qxd4? 30.Nxe6 *(30.Bf7 Rc6±)* 30...Qxe5 *(30...Kxe6? 31.Qh3+ Ke7 32.Qxc8+-)* 31.Nxg7 Bxg7 32.Bf5+ Qxf5 33.Qxg7+ Kc6 34.Rc1+ Kb6 35.Qd4+ Ka6 36.Qxa4+ Kb6 37.Qd4+ Ka6 38.Rd1+- *(38.Qa4+ Kb6+-)*]

[29...Rg8!= -0.01/24 30.Qh5 *(30.Qh4? Rxg6 31.Nh7 Qd8-+)* 30...Be7]

30.Qh3? -1.02/21

[30.Qh4± 0.60/22 keeps the upper hand. Qb2 31.Qf4]

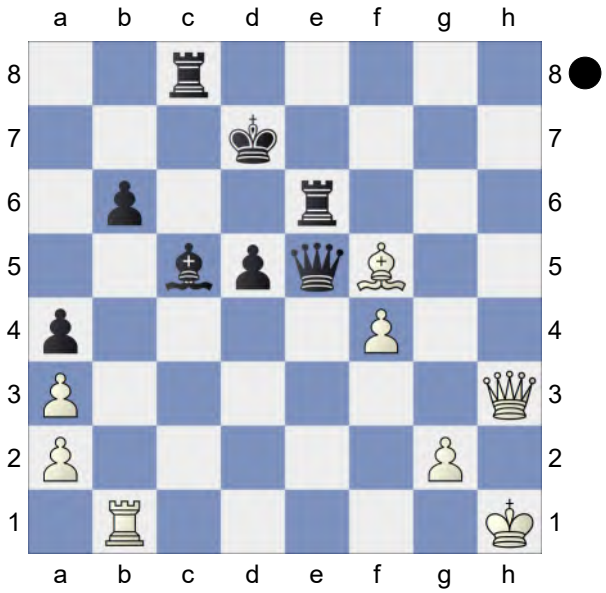
30...Qxd4∓ 31.Nxe6? -4.32/23 **Rxe6-+ 32.Bf5 Qxe5** ...Bf8-c5! is the strong threat. **33.Rb1 b6 34.f4** -7.49/21

[⌓34.Rd1 -4.11/22]

34...Bc5+

[34...Qxf4? too greedy. 35.Bxe6+ Kc6 36.Bxc8+-]

35.Kh1



Qxf5!! What a bad dream for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.22 (precise)

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C06

□ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2764**

■ **Erdos,Viktor** **2593**

111/121 Gibraltar 2011

[Erdos,Viktor, Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines Sadorra,Julio: 'This game was played in the 9th edition of Gibraltar Open which Vassily won in the end with an impressive score of 9/10 and a performance rating of 2968! Other super-GMs he convincingly beat on his way to the title were Daniel Fridman, the younger Fabiano Caruana and a resurgient Nigel Short. The following game against a solid and theoretically prepared GM from Hungary features a tense middlegame struggle which showcases our hero's great intuition and positional understanding. ' **1.e4** Sadorra,Julio Sadorra,Julio Erdos,V Sadorra,Julio **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2** Sadorra,Julio: 'the Tarrasch variation of the French is usually preferred by players aiming to achieve an edge in a solid way.' **3...a6** Sadorra,Julio: '!?' '!?' Sadorra,Julio: 'A flexible and useful move which requires much knowledge to understand the subtleties in various French positions.'

[The mainline is 3...c5 Sadorra,Julio 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 *(5.Nxd4)* 5...Qxd5 6.Bc4]

4.Ngf3 Nf6!?

[4...c5 Sadorra,Julio 5.exd5 exd5 leads to the IQP positions of the 3...c5 variation.]

5.Bd3 c5 6.e5 Nfd7 7.c3 Nc6 8.0-0 g5!?

[8...b5 0.81/19 8...g7-g5 0.43 Ü 92/261 Erdos,V: '— 92/261']

9.Bb1 0.19/22 White is more active.

[9.Nb1!? -0.01/19 9.Nd2-b3 0.67]
[9.Nb3!
A) 9...h6 10.Nxc5 Nxc5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Re1± *(12.Qe2 Qc7 13.Re1 Bd7 14.Be3 Bf8 15.Bd4 Bg7 16.b4 Rc8 17.Qe3 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Qb6 19.a3 0-0 20.Rec1 a5 21.b5 a4 22.h4 gxh4 23.Nxh4 Qa5 24.Rab1 Rxc1+ 25.Rxc1 Rc8 26.Rxc8+ Bxc8* 1-0 Daulyte,D (2342)-Savitha Shri,B (2411) PRO League Prelim rapid 2023 (1.4) *)*;
B) 9...c4 10.Nxg5;
C) 9...g4 10.Ng5 c4 11.Bxh7! cxb3 1.11/21 *(⌓11...Qc7* 0.74/21 *)* 12.Qxg4]
[9.Nb3!± 0.61/21]

9...g4= 10.Ne1 White has an edge.

10...h5
[Sadorra,Julio: 'Maybe a better chance for dynamic equality was' 10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxg4
A) 12...Qc7?? 3.31/21 12...Nd4-c6 0.24 13.Qxd4 Qxc1? 4.83/20 *(13...Qxe5* 3.00/21 *14.Qxe5 Nxe5)* 14.Nc2+-;
B) 12...Qb6 Sadorra,Julio 13.Nd3!;
C) 12...Nc6 13.f4 h5 0.77/20 *(13...Qb6+* Sadorra,Julio *14.Kh1 Nc5∞* followed by ♗d7 and queenside castling.*; 13...Nc5* Sadorra,Julio *14.Kh1; 13...Nc5=* 0.28/21 is more appropriate.*)* 14.Qh3→ 0.22/20 *(14.Qd1; 14.Qd1±* 0.77/20 *)*]

11.Nc2N Sadorra,Julio: 'Planning to transfer the knight to e3 in the future to assist a kingside expansion with f4-f5.'
[11.Nb3 c4!? *(11...a5)* 12.Nd2
A) 12...b5 13.f3 *(13.f4 f5 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Nc2 Bd6 16.Qe2 Nb6 17.Ne3 Kd8 18.Bc2 a5 19.a4 b4 20.f5 Re8 21.fxe6 Qxe6 22.Re1 Ra7 23.Ndf1 b3 24.Bd1 Qg6 25.Bd2 Rf7 26.Bxb3 cxb3 27.Qb5 Bc7* 0-1 Sebag,M (2521)-Bauer,C (2664) Trophee Karpov Preliminary 2012 rapid (10) *)*;
B) 12...b5= 0.23/20;
C) 12...f5 0.69/19
C1) 13.b3 -0.18/20 13.e5xf6 0.55 b5 14.a4 aiming for a4xb5. Rb8 0.12/17 *(14...Bb7∓* -0.37/19 might be stronger. *)*;
C2) 13.exf6 Nxf6!? 14.Bg6+ Kd7 15.b3 b5 16.a4 Rb8± 1.08/20 *(16...Bb7!=* 0.22/20 keeps the balance. *)*]
[11.Nb3!?]

11...Rg8
[11...cxd4!? 12.cxd4 Qb6 0.52/20 *(12...f6=* 0.01/20 *)* 13.Nb3± a5]

12.Re1 cxd4 13.cxd4 f5 Sadorra,Julio: '!?' '!?' Sadorra,Julio: 'Improving Black's structure which invites White to open up the game a bit. '
[13...Qb6 14.Nf1 f6!?]

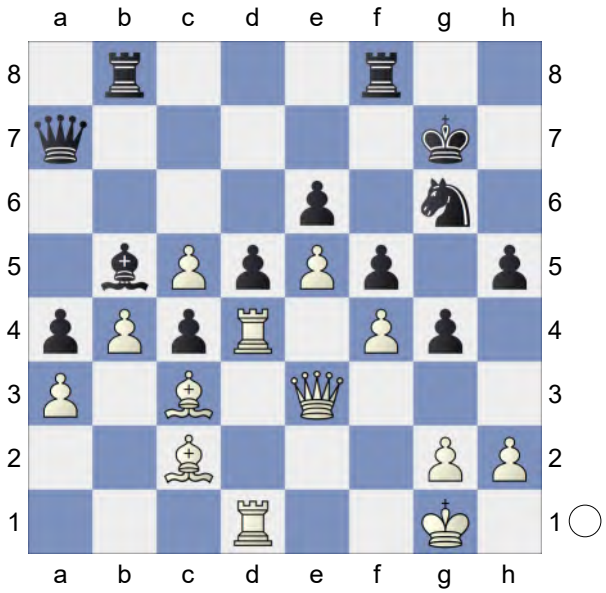
14.Nf1 Sadorra,Julio: 'Ivanchuk chooses to take the struggle into a closed position. '
[Sadorra,Julio: 'Also possible is' 14.exf6 0.02/21 14.a2-a4 0.49 Nxf6 Sadorra,Julio: 'but it's likely that Ivanchuk didn't like the placement of his pieces in the ensuing position.' 15.Nb3 *(15.Nf1* -0.20/19 15.Nd2-b3 0.48 Sadorra,Julio *h4)* 15...Bd6 *(15...h4* Sadorra,Julio *16.Bf4)* 16.Ne3 Kf7 Sadorra,Julio: '∞!?' '∞!?' '∞!?' Sadorra,Julio: 'Black's king is a bit exposed but White's pieces are awkwardly placed. While engines give White an edge, I think it's difficult to play this practically.' 17.g3±]

14...Be7 15.Bd2
[⌓15.Ng3 h4 16.Nh5!? Nf8±]

15...Nf8 16.f4 -0.26/22 Sadorra,Julio: '?!' '?!' Sadorra,Julio: 'Preventing future ...f5-f4 ideas, but it's not really a threat.'
[⌓16.Ng3 -0.18/20 16.b2-b4 0.27 h4 17.Nh5]
[It's better to prevent Black's queenside play first with either 16.b4! Sadorra,Julio
A) 16...b5 0.48/19 16...Nf8-h7 0.12 17.a4! -0.01/20 *(17.Ng3± 0.48/19)*;
B) 16...Ng6 17.a4 f4 Sadorra,Julio *(17...h4!?)* 18.b5! -0.01/21 *(18.Qc1± 0.40/19)* 18...axb5= 19.axb5 Rxa1 20.Nxa1 Nxd4 White must now prevent ...f4-f3. 21.Bxg6+ Rxg6 22.Bxf4 Nf5 0.63/21 *(22...Nxb5? 4.27/23 22...Qd8-a5 0.01 23.Qd3+-; 22...Qa5= 0.01/23)* 23.Nb3± Qb6 24.Ng3 Nxg3 1.23/25 *(Black should try 24...Qxb5±* 0.63/21 *25.Nxh5 Bd7)* 25.hxg3± Bd7 *(25...Qxb5* 1.89/23 25...Ke8-f7 1.03 *26.Qc2)* 26.Nd4±;
C) 16...Bd7 17.a4 0.01/19 *(17.Ng3± 0.38/20)* 17...b5 0.90/20 *(17...h4=* 0.01/19 *)* 18.axb5± axb5 19.Rxa8 Qxa8 20.Ng3! Rh8 *(20...h4 21.Nh5)* 21.Ne2 Ng6 22.Nc1±]
[Or 16.a4! Sadorra,Julio Ng6]
[16.b4 0.10/21 should be considered.]
16...b5!?
[16...Ng6]
[16...Qb6! Sadorra,Julio 17.Bc3 Ng6 18.Qd2 *(18.g3 Bd7)* 18...h4 after a queenside castling and some regrouping Black should have a very healthy position.]
17.a3 a5 18.Bc3 Nd7?! 0.25/21
[18...Rb8 0.08/17 18...Bc8-b7 -0.39]
[18...Ng6 19.Qd2]
[⌓18...Bb7 -0.26/21]
19.Qd2 -0.53/20
[19.Ng3!?
A) Erdos,V: 'a)' 19...h4 20.Nxf5! exf5 21.Ne3 Nb6
A1) 22.Bxf5 -0.01/22 22.Ne3xf5 0.68 Bxf5 23.Nxf5 b4! 24.Bd2 -0.01/19 *(24.Nxe7± 0.55/22 Kxe7 25.axb4 axb4 26.Rxa8 Qxa8 27.Qd3 bxc3 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.f5)*;
A2) 22.Nxf5 Bxf5 23.Bxf5 b4;
B) 19...Nb6! 20.Nxh5
B1) 20...Rb8 0.46/20 20...Ke8-f7 0.08 21.b3 a4 1.04/20 *(21...Rh8±* 0.50/20 *)* 22.Nb4;
B2) 20...Rh8 21.Ng3 Bh4 0.59/20 *(21...Kf7=* -0.05/20 *)* 22.Ne3 Nc4 *(22...Bxg3* 0.66/21 22...Nb6-c4 0.22 *23.hxg3 Nc4 24.Kf2)* 23.b3 Nxe3 24.Rxe3 Bxg3 25.hxg3 Ra7]
[19.Qd3= 0.25/21]
19...Nb6∓ 20.b3 Kf7 0.07/19
[Sadorra,Julio: 'There's also nothing wrong with the simple undermining move' 20...a4
A) 21.b4 Sadorra,Julio Nc4 22.Qe2 -0.95/21 *(22.Qf2∓* -0.53/20 *)* 22...Qb6 23.Ba2 Bd7 -0.56/19 *(23...h4∓* -1.01/21 *)* 24.Nfe3∓ h4= It's an equal position but albeit slightly more comfortable for Black.;
B) 21.Ba2 axb3 Sadorra,Julio 22.Bxb3 Nc4 23.Bxc4 bxc4 24.a4 -0.90/21 *(24.Nb4 Na5; 24.Bb4∓* -0.54/19 feels stronger.*)* 24...Na5!∓]
[20...a4∓ -0.52/22 21.Ba2 axb3 22.Bxb3 Kf7]
21.Nfe3 -0.55/20
[21.Nce3= 0.07/19]

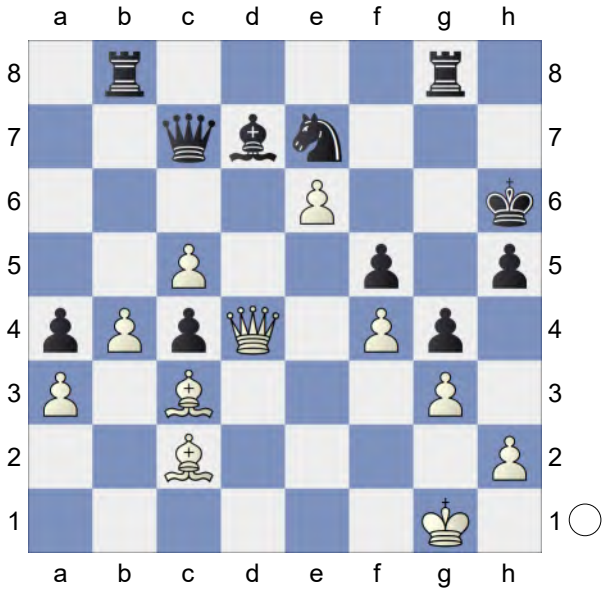
21...Qf8!? 0.01/20
[21...Kf8?! 0.01/18 21...Bc8-d7 -0.35 Sadorra,Julio Erdos starts to see some ghosts with a sac on f5. 22.Bb2 -0.71/19 *(22.Qd3= 0.01/18)* 22...Kg7 23.Rc1 Bd7 0.19/18 Now follows some manoeuvring and regrouping from both sides. *(23...Qe8∓ -0.37/19)* 24.Ne1 -1.00/21 *(24.Nxf5+!= 0.19/18 remains equal. exf5 25.Ne3)* 24...a4!∓ 25.b4 Prevents Nc6-a5. Nc4 Finally Black goes for this idea! 26.Qe2 1-0 (60) Ivanchuk,V (2764)-Erdos,V (2593) Caleta 2011 CBM 201 [Sadorra,Julio] Qb6?! Sadorra,Julio 27.Rd1 *(27.Bc3? -4.60/21* 27.Rc1-d1 -0.93 *Nxd4; 27.Bxf5 Nxe3 28.Qxe3 exf5; 27.Nxf5+ exf5 28.e6 Be8* there's nothing to fear.*)* 27...Qa7! *(27...h4 28.Bc3 Rac8 29.N3c2)* 28.Bc3 Bd8 -0.43/21 *(28...Be8∓* -0.87/20 *)* 29.N3c2∓ Bb6!]
[Once again, seizing the c4 square is a good idea. 21...a4 Sadorra,Julio
A) 22.b4 Nc4 23.Nxc4 -1.25/22 *(23.Qe2∓ -0.58/18)* 23...bxc4∓ 24.Ne3 Na7! 25.Bc2 Nb5 With a great position for Black.;
B) 22.Ba2∓ -0.46/20;
C) 22.Nxf5? -1.15/22 22...exf5∓
C1) 23.Ne3 axb3 24.Nxf5 -2.09/18 *(24.Qd3∓ -1.11/20* was called for.*)* 24...Bxf5-+ 25.Bxf5 Nc4-+;
C2) White should play 23.Ne3∓ -0.63/22;
C3) 23.e6+? -4.04/20 23...Bxe6-+ 24.Rxe6 Kxe6 25.Ne3 Kd7 and there's nothing to fear after the king runs to the queenside for refuge.]
[21...a4∓ -0.55/20 22.b4 Qf8]
22.Bb2 -0.92/21
[22.Qe2!= 0.01/20]
22...Kg7 0.11/20
[22...a4 23.b4 -1.20/18 *(23.Qd3∓* -0.61/20 *)* △23...Nc4 -0.62/20 *(23...Qh6∓ -1.20/18 24.Rf1 h4)* 24.Nxc4∓ bxc4 25.Ne3]
[22...a4∓ -0.92/21 23.bxa4 Rxa4]
23.Rc1 -0.75/21
[23.Qd3= 0.11/20]
23...Bd7 24.Ne1! -0.90/22
[24.Qe2∓ -0.47/19 is superior.]
24...a4∓ 25.b4 Nc4 26.Qe2 Qb8⊕ -0.27/21 Sadorra,Julio: '?' '?' Sadorra,Julio: 'A strange move. Black should've tried to prevent White knight's manoeuvre to c5.'
[26...Kh8∓ -1.09/21 27.Nd3 Qh6]
27.Nd3= Qa7 28.Nc5 Sadorra,Julio: 'After gaining a strong knight on c5, White slowly but surely improves the rest of his pieces.' **28...Rgf8** 0.26/18
[⌓28...Kh8 -0.12/19]
29.Kh1 Rac8 30.Nxc4 Sadorra,Julio: 'sooner or later this has to be played.' **30...bxc4 31.Bc2 Bxc5** Sadorra,Julio: '?!' '?!' Sadorra,Julio: 'Unfortunately, it's a tougher decision for Black to eliminate the enemy outpost as it improves another enemy piece - the b2 bishop. One of my favorite sayings goes "To take is a mistake!"' **32.dxc5**
[32.bxc5 -0.13/21 32.d4xc5 0.39 Na5]
32...Ne7 Sadorra,Julio: 'While Black is solid, he has to always watch for any possible invasion on the dark squares. '
33.Rd1 Bb5 34.Bc3 -0.28/21
[⌓34.Qf2 0.26/16]
34...Ng6 35.Rd4 Bc6 0.23/21
[35...Kh8 -0.17/20 was preferrable.]
36.Rb1 Sadorra,Julio: 'Threatening b4-b5.' **36...Rb8 37.Kg1 Bb5?!** 0.43/20 Sadorra,Julio: 'It seems like Black has

built a strong blockade so far.'
[37...Kg8= 0.00/20 deserves consideration.]
38.Rbd1 Black is weak on the dark squares **38...Qe7 39.Qe3 Qa7??⊕** 1.39/20
[39...Bc6]
[39...h4= 0.05/22]



Sadorra,Julio: 'After some piece shuffling from both sides, we reach this position: [#] What will you play here? '
40.Rxd5!± Sadorra,Julio: 'A superb positional sacrifice. Ivanchuk gives up a rook for two pawns and to make inroads for all his pieces, and expose the enemy king. Maybe an extra exclamation mark can be added for making it just before the time control!' **40...exd5 41.e6+ Kh6**
[41...d4 42.Rxd4]
42.Rxd5 Rbd8 Sadorra,Julio: 'Seems most logical as it trades off an attacker. Other moves don't help at all.'
[42...Qc7 Strongly threatening ...Rb8-d8. Sadorra,Julio: 'seems like a good defensive try after which I'm pretty sure Ivanchuk would've found the calm'

A) 43.Rd6? 0.51/23 43.g2-g3 1.77 Qe7 1.38/22 *(43...Rfd8± 0.51/23 44.Qd4 Rxd6 45.cxd6 Qb6)*;
B) 43.g3! Sadorra,Julio which is similar to what he did in the game. Ne7? 8.55/22 And now White has a nice tactical idea: *(43...Rbd8± 1.11/22 44.Rxf5 Rxf5 45.Bxf5 Rd1+ 46.Kf2 Qd8)* 44.Rd7!+- Bxd7 45.Qd4! Rg8



Prevents Qd4-g7+. the following lines are a beatiful demonstration of domination: 46.Qf6+! Rg6 *(46...Kh7 47.Qxe7+ Kh6 48.Bxf5+-)* 47.Qxe7 Re8 *(47...Qd8 48.Qxd7 Qf8 49.e7 Qf7 50.Bxf5+-)* 48.Qf7!! *(48.Qxd7 Re7 allows Black to resist a bit.)* 48...Rexe6 *(48...Qd8 49.exd7 Rf8 50.Qd5+-)* 49.Qf8+ Kh7 50.Qh8#;
C) Better is 43.g3!+- 1.76/25 Bc6 44.Rxf5 Rxf5 45.Bxf5;
D) 43.Qd4 0.96/22 43...Rbd8? 2.98/23 *(43...Qe7± 0.96/22)* 44.Rd6+- h4 45.Bxf5 Rxf5 46.Rxd8 Rd8-d7! is the strong threat. Qe7 47.g3+-]
[42...Qe7? 4.64/21 42...Rb8-d8 1.75

Sadorra,Julio 43.Bxf5 Rbd8 44.Rxd8 Rxd8 45.Bc2! Prevents Rd8-d1+. with deadly threats to follow.]

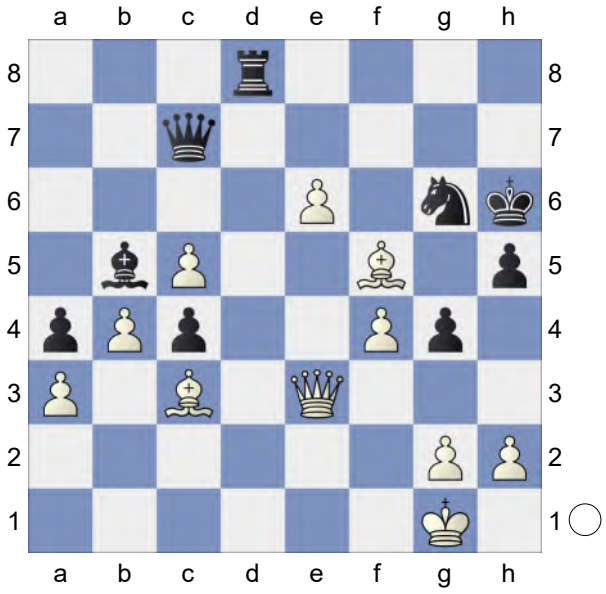
43.Rxd8 1.29/20

[43.Rxf5+- 1.87/26 Rxf5 44.Bxf5]

43...Rxd8 44.Bxf5 Bf5-c2 would kill now. **44...Qc7** 2.57/26

[44...Ne7? 12.41/22 44...Qa7-b8 1.50 45.Qe5 Nxf5 46.Qf6+ Kh7 47.Qxf5+]

[⌓44...Rd1+ 1.72/25 45.Kf2 Qe7]



45.g3!+- Sadorra,Julio: '!' '!' Sadorra, Julio: 'Just look how dominant the white bishops and pawns are over the black pieces, except the rook.'

[45.Bxg6? 0.01/26 45.g2-g3 2.16 Kxg6 46.Qe4+ Kh6 47.e7 White threatens Qe4-e6+ and mate. Rd1+ 48.Kf2 Qd7 Inhibits Qe4-e6+. ... Qd7-d3 would now be deadly. 49.Qe5 Rd2+! 50.Bxd2 *(50.Kg1!? Rd1+□ 51.Kf2 Rd2+ 52.Bxd2 Qxd2+ 53.Kg3=)* 50...Qxd2+ 51.Kg3 c3! And now ...h5-h4+! would win. 52.Qf6+ *(52.Qh8+ Kg6 53.e8Q+ Bxe8 54.Qxe8+ Kg7)* 52...Kh7 53.Kh4 Qd5 *(53...c2?* 6.45/27 53...Qd2-d5 0.00 *54.c6 Qe1+ 55.Kg5)*]

[Worse is 45.Bxg6 Rd1+ 46.Kf2 Kxg6 47.Qe4+ Kh6=]

45...Rd1+ 46.Kf2 Qd8? 4.87/25 Sadorra,Julio: 'Trying to achieve some coordination but it's not enough to create any effective counterplay. '

[46...Qc6 2.74/21 47.Be4 Rd3]

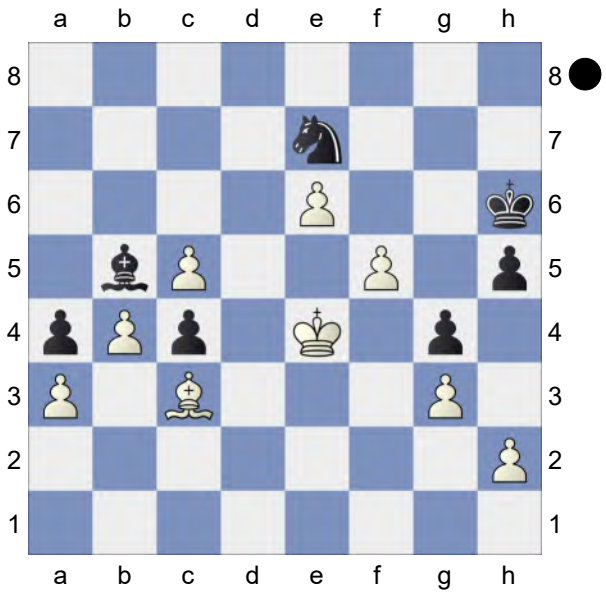
47.Bc2 Sadorra,Julio: '!' '!'. Threatening mate with f4-f5+. This pair of bishops is nice. **47...Rd3** Sadorra,Julio: 'Now it's nice how Ivanchuk transforms his advantage into a winning ending. '

48.Bxd3 Qxd3 49.f5+! Sadorra,Julio: '!' '!'. Discovered Attack (Check)

49...Qxe3+? 11.24/25

[49...Kh7 2.44/23]

50.Kxe3 Ne7 51.Ke4 Sadorra,Julio: '



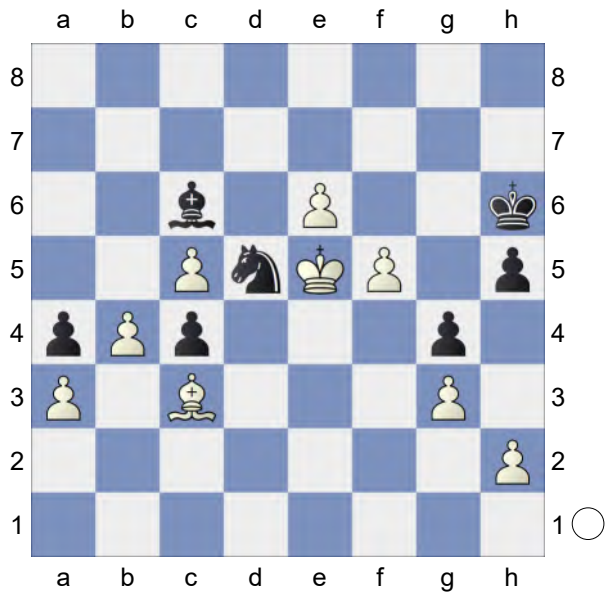
A beautiful picture of white pawns dominating Black's pieces! The rest is a matter of direct play in assisting the decisive promotion of the pawns.'

51...Bc6+

[51...Kg5 52.f6]

52.Ke5 Nd5

(Diagram)



53.b5! Sadorra,Julio: '!' '!' Sadorra,Julio: 'Rarely do small tactics escape the vision of Vassily Ivanchuk.' **53...Nxc3 54.bxc6** KN-KP. White mates. **54...Nb5 55.e7 Nc7 56.Kd6 Ne8+ 57.Kd7 Nf6+ 58.Ke6** Sadorra,Julio: '!' '!'

[58.Kd8 Sadorra,Julio gives Black a chance to resist a bit more. c3 59.c7 c2 60.c8Q c1Q]

58...Ne8 59.Kf7 Nc7 60.e8Q Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.54 Sadorra,Julio: 'Black is totally losing in the resulting queen ending so he resigned. The amazing rook sacrifice on move 40 makes this a memorable game played by the Ukrainan legend!'

[60.e8B? perishes. c3 61.Ke7 c2-+]

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C09

□ **Sivuk,Vitaly** **2432**
■ **Blomqvist,Erik** **2500**
SWE-ch Helsingborg (7) 07.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Qe7+** is the new trend. ist der neue Trend. **7.Be2 Qc7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1 cxd4** White is slightly better. **10.Nb3 Bb4 11.Bd2 Bxd2 12.Qxd2** Be2-b5+ is the strong threat. **12...0-0 13.Nfxd4 Bd7 14.Rad1N**

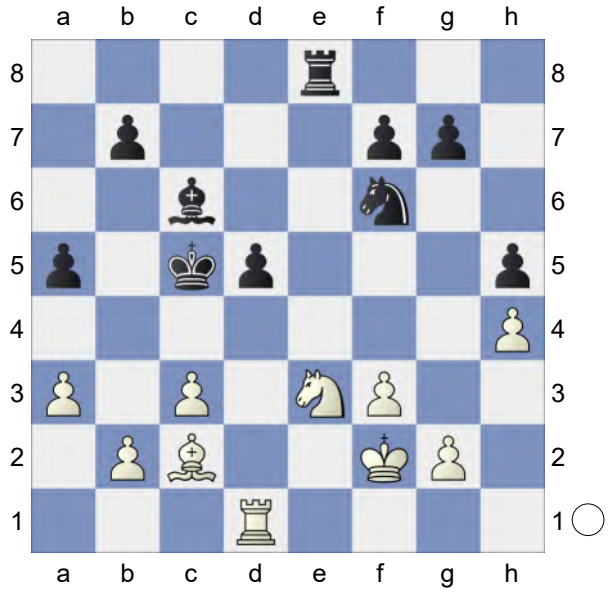
[Predecessor: 14.Nc5 Rad8 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Qd4 Rfe8 17.Bf1 b6 aiming for ...Re8xe1. 18.Na6 Qd7 19.f3 -0.01/21 Against Re8-e4 *(19.Rxe8+!± 0.41/22 Rxe8 20.f3)* 19...Bb5= 20.Rxe8+ Nxe8 ½-½ Pavlidis,A (2550)-Fridman,D (2603) Bundesliga 2223 2022 (6.7)]

[14.Bd3 Rfe8 15.Nxc6 *(15.h3 Ne5 16.Qf4 Re7 17.Re2 Rae8 18.Rae1 a6 19.Kf1 Nh5 20.Qh2 g6 21.g4 Ng7 22.Qf4 Qd6 23.Nf3 f6 24.Nbd4 Rf7 25.Qg3 Nc4 26.Qxd6 Nxd6 27.Rxe8+ Ngxe8 28.Kg2 Kf8 29.Ne6+ Bxe6* ½-½ Defromont,B (2423)-Yao,S (2306) Torino op 53rd 2024 (2)) 15...bxc6 16.Nc5 a5 17.Rxe8+ Rxe8 18.Re1 33. French 3...c5 4.Ngf3 Side-B6]

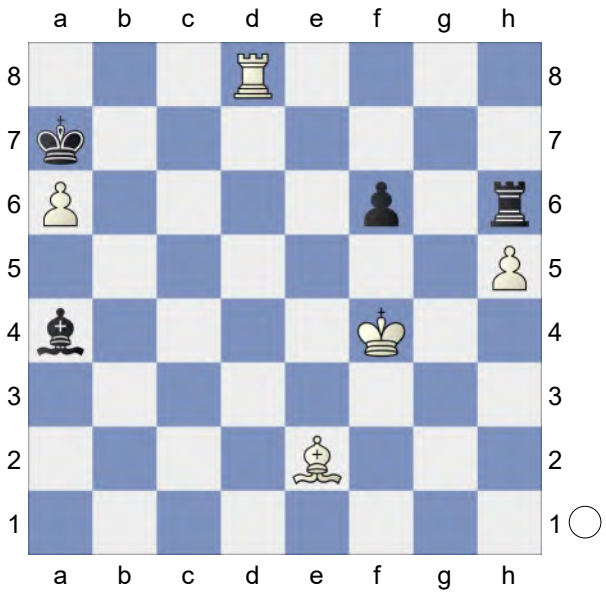
[14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Bf3 Rfe8 16.Qd4 a6 17.c3 Re7 18.Rxe7 Qxe7 19.Qc5 Qe5 20.Na5 Re8 21.h3 Re6 22.Qb4 Qc7 23.c4 Qf4 24.Nxb7 Bxb7 25.Qxb7 Qxc4 26.Qb8+ Re8 27.Qb3 Qc5 28.Qc3 Qxc3 0-1 Wachs (2580)-Landenbergue,C (2655) 99/(29) Gibraltar 2006 (9)]

14...Qb6 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 0.54/20

[15...bxc6= 0.14/22 deserves consideration. 16.c4 a5]
16.Qd4± Qxd4 17.Nxd4 Bd7 18.f3 h5 19.h4 Rfe8 20.Kf2 Kf8 21.c3 Re5 22.Bd3 Rae8 23.Rxe5 Rxe5 24.Bc2 Ke7 25.Bb3 a5 26.a3 Kd6 27.Nc2 Kc5 Black is now going downhill. **28.Ne3 Bc6** 0.99/21
[28...a4± 0.61/22 29.Bc2 Re8]
29.Bc2± Re8 1.67/23
[29...a4!± 0.63/22]



30.b4+!+- axb4 1.90/24
[30...Kb6± 1.54/23 might work better. 31.a4 axb4]
31.cxb4+ 1.40/25
[White should play 31.axb4++- 1.90/24 Kb5 32.Nf5]
31...Kb6 1.79/25
[31...Kb5± 1.40/25]
32.a4 Rc8 33.Bb3 Be8 34.Rd4 Rc3 2.95/25
[⌓34...Ka7 2.10/22 35.b5 *(35.Bxd5 Rd8±; 35.Nxd5 Nxd5 36.Rxd5 f6+-)* 35...Rc7]
35.Nxd5+ Nxd5 36.a5+ Kb5 37.Bxd5 Endgame. KRB-KRB
[37.Rxd5+ Kxb4 38.Bd1 Ra3=]
37...Rc7 38.Be4 Bd7 2.19/25
[⌓38...Ka4 1.68/24 39.Bd5 Kb5]
39.Bd3+ Ka4 40.Ke3 1.42/24
[40.g4+- 1.99/25]
40...Be6 2.17/25
[40...Bb5± 1.42/24 41.Bxb5+ Kxb5]
41.Kd2 g6 2.83/24
[41...Bd7 1.92/23 was necessary. 42.g4 hxg4]
42.g4 hxg4 43.fxg4 Rc8 4.43/24
[⌓43...f5 3.05/23 44.g5 Rg7]
44.h5 gxh5 45.gxh5 Rh8 46.Rh4 Rh6 47.a6 bxa6 48.b5+
[48.Bxa6 f5 49.Be2 Bf7±]
48...Ka5 49.bxa6 Bd5 50.Be2 Kb6 51.Ke3 Ka7 52.Rd4 Bc6 53.Kf4 f6 54.Rd8 Ba4? 7.25/24
[54...Rh7 3.77/26 55.Rf8 Ba4]



55.Rg8 Rh7 Against Rg8-g7+ **56.Rf8** 3.37/23
[⌓56.h6 8.37/25]
56...Rh6? #15/22
[56...Bc2+- 3.37/23 57.Rxf6 Re7]
57.Rf7+ Kb6 58.Rb7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.43
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C08
□ **Kazakov,Konstantin** **2333**
■ **Short,Nigel D** **2594**
FIDE World Rapid Team (10.31) 04.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

C08: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 sidelines Gufeld,E: 'Inf 37/(316)' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 a6 4.Ngf3 c5 5.exd5 exd5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nb3 Ba7 8.Bd3 Qe7+ 9.Qe2** 9.Qe2 scores better than 9.Be2. 9.De2 punktet besser als 9. Le2.

[9.Be2 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 Ne4 12.Nbd4 Nc6 13.Be3 Qf6 14.Qd3 Bg4 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Bxa7 Rxa7 17.Qd4 Qxd4 18.Nxd4 Bxe2 19.Nxe2 g6 20.Rad1 Rb8 21.b3 Nf6 22.Nf4 a5 23.a4 Kf8 0-1 Mravunac,B (2306)-Folk,P (2560) Chapter 2 (3) (3)]

9...Nc6 10.0-0N

[10.Bf4 with more complications. Qxe2+ 11.Kxe2 Bg4 12.Rhe1]

[10.Bg5 Qxe2+ 11.Kxe2 Gufeld,E-Lebredo Zarragoitia,G 37/(316) Cienfuegos 1984 h6 *(11...Nge7 12.Rhe1 f6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Kxe3 Kf7 15.Kd2 Nb4 16.Nfd4 Rd8 17.Re3 Nxd3 18.cxd3 Nf5 19.Nxf5 Bxf5 20.Rae1 Rd7 21.Nd4 Bg6 22.f4 Kg8 23.Re7 Rad8 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 25.Rc1 Be8 26.Rc8* 1-0 Binnewies,M (2405)-Morchat,M Jugoslavija 70/(295) 1997 (3)) 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Kxe3 Nf6 14.Rhe1 0-0 15.c3 Re8+ 16.Kd2 Ne4+ 17.Kc2 Bf5 18.Nfd4 Nxd4+ 19.Nxd4 Bd7 20.Re2 Nd6 21.Rae1 Kf8 22.Re5 Nc4 23.Bxc4 dxc4 24.Kd2 Rad8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Re5 ½-½ Burbach,B (1752)-Frost,P (1631) Bangkok Rooky op 2023 (5)]

10...Qxe2 11.Bxe2 Nf6 The position is equal. **12.c3 0-0 13.Bf4 Re8 14.Rfe1 Bg4 15.Rad1** -0.14/21

[⌓15.h3 0.23/22 Bh5 16.Rad1]

15...h6 16.h3 Bh5 17.g4 Bg6 18.Nfd4 Wards off Bg6-c2 **18...Ne4N**

[Vorgänger: 18...h5 19.g5 Ne4 20.Kg2 Nxd4 21.Nxd4 Nc5 22.Kf1 Rac8 23.Be3 Bb8 24.Nb3 Na4 ½-½ Ivanchuk,V (2625)-Eingorn,V (2560) URS-ch55 Moscow 1988 (3)]

19.f3 -0.11/26

[19.Kg2± 0.33/19 was preferrable.]

19...Ng5= 20.Kg2 Nxd4 21.Nxd4 Bxd4 22.cxd4

[22.Rxd4? too greedy. Ne6 23.Bd2 Nxd4 24.cxd4 Rac8-+]

22...Rac8 23.Rd2 Ne6 24.Be3 Rc6 25.h4 h5 26.gxh5 Bxh5 27.Kf2 Bg6 28.Bd1 f6 29.Bb3 Rd8 30.Rg1 Kf7 31.Kg3 Bf5 32.h5 b5 33.Rh1 a5 34.a4 bxa4 35.Bxa4 A strong pair of Bishops. **35...Rc4 36.Bb3 Rb4 37.Ba2 Rb5 38.Rhh2** -0.63/24

[White should try 38.Rc1= 0.01/25]

38...a4↑ Black is pushing. Black is more active. White is weak on the light squares **39.Rh1 Rc8** Inhibits Rh1-c1. **40.Rhh2?** -3.01/22 Black converts the advantage convincingly.

[40.Re1∓ -0.59/22]

40...Kg8? -0.51/22

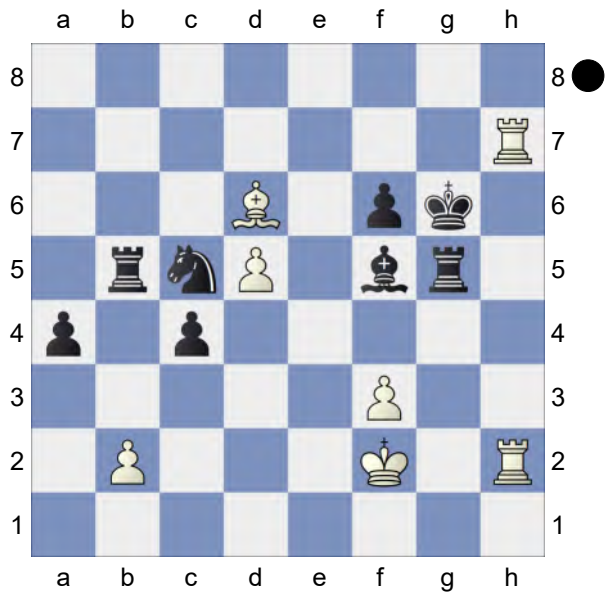
[40...Rc1-+ -3.01/22 ...Rc1-a1 is the strong threat. 41.Rd3 Bxd3 42.Bxc1 Nxd4]

41.Bf4? -4.39/22

[41.Rde2∓ -0.51/22]

41...Rc1-+ 42.h6 Ra1 43.Bc4 dxc4 44.d5 Nc5 45.hxg7 Kxg7 46.Rde2 Kf7 Prevents Re2-e7+ **47.Bd6 Rg1+ 48.Kf2 Rg5** ...Nc5-d3+ would now be deadly. **49.Re7+ Kg6 50.Reh7**

(Diagram)



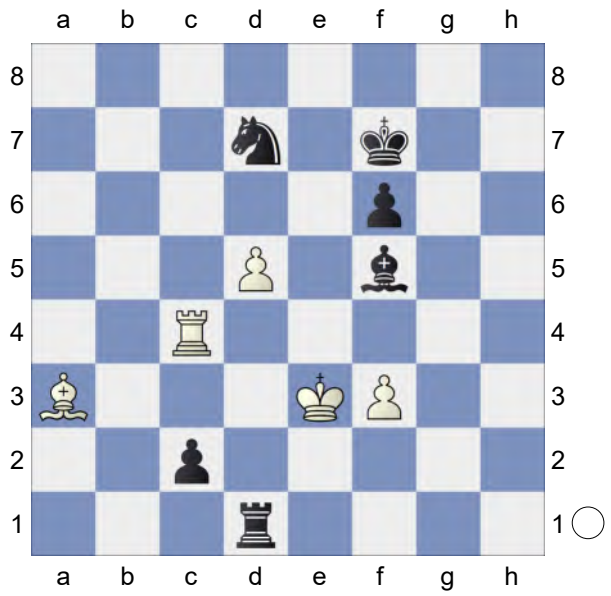
Rxb2+ 51.Ke3 Rxh2 52.Rxh2 Nd7 White must now prevent ...c4-c3. **53.Rh8** -6.37/21

[⌓53.Kd4 -4.54/19]

53...Kf7 54.Ra8 -7.11/21

[⌓54.Kd4 -4.74/20]

54...c3 55.Rxa4 c2 56.Rc4 Rg1 57.Ba3 Rd1



Threatens to win with ...Rd1-d3+. **58.Kf4 Rxd5 59.Bb2 Kg6** (→ ...Nd7-e5) **60.Rc6 Ne5 61.Bxe5 Rxe5 62.Rc3 Re1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.30

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C03

□ **Ellithorpe,Gilbert P** **2734**

■ **Deslandes,Pascal** **2640**

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[Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 b6 8.Qe2 a5 9.a4** White is slightly better. **9...Ba6 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.0-0 Nc7 12.Re1 Nb8** 0.56/20

[12...Qb8= 0.13/20]

13.Nb3 0.16/20

[13.Nf1± 0.56/20 feels stronger.]

13...Nc6 14.Be3 c4 15.Nc1 b5 16.axb5 Nxb5 17.Qc2 Wards off a5-a4 **17...Nba7** 0.54/21

[17...0-0= 0.14/21]

18.g3 Nc8 19.h4 h6 20.Ne2 Nb6 21.h5 a4 22.Nh2 Kd7 1.05/21

[22...0-0± 0.52/18]

23.f4± Kc7 1.43/21

[⌓23...f5 0.87/19]

24.f5 Bg5 25.Nf4 Ne7 26.fxe6 Bxf4 27.Bxf4 0.60/20

[27.exf7± 1.07/21 Bxg3 *(27...Bxe3+ 28.Rxe3 a3 29.bxa3+-)* 28.Re2]

27...fxe6± 28.Rf1 Qd7 29.Rf2 Raf8 30.Raf1 Qe8 31.Qe2 0.01/19

[31.g4!± 0.59/22]

31...Rf5 0.71/22

[31...Rhg8!= 0.01/19 remains equal.]

32.g4± Rf7 33.Bc1 Rhf8 34.Nf3 Nd7 35.Qc2 Nb6 36.Kg2 Qb5 37.Nh4 -0.59/25

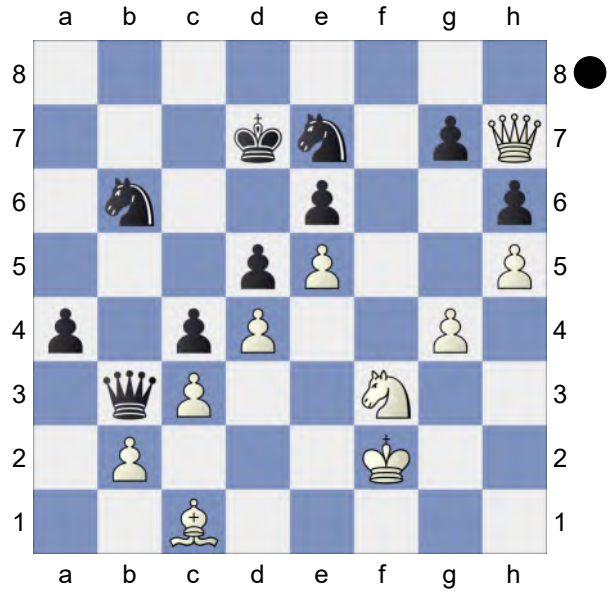
[37.Be3± 0.78/22]

37...Qb3∓ 38.Qh7 -2.58/21 Prevents Qb3xc2.

[38.Qe2∓ -0.56/25 Rxf2+ 39.Rxf2 Rxf2+ 40.Qxf2]

38...Rxf2+-+ 39.Rxf2 Rxf2+ 40.Kxf2 Kd7 ...a4-a3! is the strong threat. **41.Nf3**

[41.Qxg7? a3 *(41...Qc2+? 42.Kf3-+)* 42.Ng6 *(42.Qxh6? Qc2+ 43.Kg3 a2-+)* 42...Nbc8 43.Nf8+ *(43.Bxh6? Qxb2+ 44.Kg3 a2-+; 43.Qxh6? Qc2+ 44.Qd2 Qxd2+* Deflection *45.Bxd2 axb2-+)* 43...Kc7 44.bxa3 *(44.Nxe6+? Kb8-+; 44.Qxh6? Qc2+ 45.Qd2 Qxd2+ 46.Bxd2 axb2-+)* 44...Qc2+ 45.Kf3 Qxc1 46.Nxe6+ Kb8-+]



41...a3! 42.bxa3

(Diagram)

Na4!

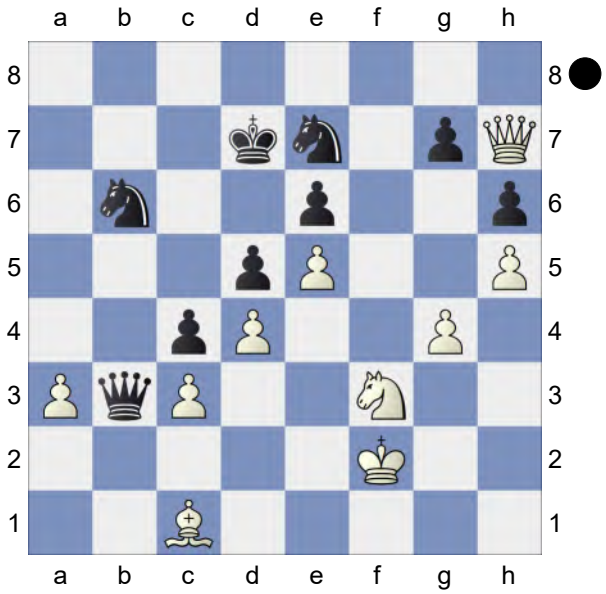
[42...Qxc3 43.Qb1= *(43.Bd2 Qb2∓)*]

43.Bd2 Nxc3 44.Bxc3

[44.Qxg7? Ne4+ 45.Kg2 Qd1-+]

44...Qxc3 Endgame. KQN-KQN **45.Qb1** Wards off Qc3-b2+

[45.Qxg7? Qb2+ 46.Kg3 c3 *(46...Qxa3 47.Qxh6 c3 48.Qe3=)* 47.Qxh6 c2-+ *(47...Qxa3 48.Qh7=)*]



45...Kc7 Wards off Qb1-b7+

[45...Qxa3 46.Qb7+ Ke8 47.Qb8+ Kf7 48.g5 Qa2+ 49.Kg3 Nf5+ 50.Kh3=]

46.a4 Nc6 47.Qg6 Qb2+

[47...Nxd4 48.Qxg7+ Kb6 *(48...Kc6 49.Qf8=)* 49.Qf8=]

48.Kg3? -5.16/21

[48.Kf1 -2.67/19 was necessary. c3 *(48...Nxd4 49.Qf7+ Kb6 50.Nxd4∓)* 49.Qxg7+ Kb6 50.a5+ Nxa5 *(50...Kxa5? 51.Qc7+ Kb5 52.Ne1-+)* 51.Ne1 *(51.Qxh6? c2-+)*]

48...c3 49.Ne1 Qe2

[49...Nxd4 50.Qxg7+ Kb6 51.Qf8=]

50.Nc2 Kb6 51.a5+ Kxa5 Threatens to win with ...Nc6xd4!

[51...Nxa5 52.Qxe6+ Nc6 53.Qg6∓]

52.Qxe6 Qd3+ 53.Kf4 Qe4+ -4.14/5

[53...Nxd4? loses. 54.Qxd5+ Qb5 55.Qxd4+-]

[⌓53...Qxc2 -11.67/26 54.Qxd5+ Kb4 *(54...Kb6? 55.Qc5+ Kb7 56.d5-+)* 55.Qc5+ Kb3 56.Qxc6 Qf2+ 57.Qf3 Qxf3+ *(57...Qxd4+ 58.Kf5=)* 58.Kxf3 c2 59.e6 c1Q *(59...c1R? 60.Ke2-+)* 60.Ke4 Kc4 *(60...Qg5 61.Kd3 Qxg4 62.d5 Qc4+*

63.Ke3 Qxd5 64.Kf2 Qxe6 65.Kf3 Kc3 66.Kg3 Qe5+ 67.Kh3 Qg5 68.Kh2 Kd3 69.Kh3 Ke2 70.Kh2 Kf2 71.Kh3 Qxh5#) 61.Ke5 Qg5+ 62.Kd6 Qd8+ *(62...Kxd4 63.e7 Qd5+ 64.Kc7 Qe6 65.Kd8 Qd6+ 66.Ke8 Ke5 67.Kf7 Qf6+* Deflection *68.Kg8 Qxe7 69.g5 hxg5 70.Kh8 Kf6 71.Kg8 Qe8+ 72.Kh7 Kf7 73.h6 Qg8#)* 63.Ke5 Qxd4+ 64.Kf5 Kd5 *(64...Qf6+ 65.Ke4 Qxe6+ 66.Kf4 Kd3 67.g5 Qe3+ 68.Kg4 Ke4 69.gxh6 Qf3+ 70.Kh4 Kf4 71.hxg7 Qh1#)* 65.Kg6 Qf6+ *(65...Qxg4+ 66.Kf7 Qxe6+ 67.Kf8 Ke5 68.Kxg7 Qf6+ 69.Kh7 Qg5 70.Kh8 Kf6 71.Kh7 Qg7#; 65...Kxe6 66.g5 Qe4+ 67.Kxg7 Qe5+ 68.Kh7 Qxg5 69.Kh8 Kf6 70.Kh7 Qg7#)* 66.Kh7 Kxe6 *(66...Qxe6 67.Kh8 Qf7 68.Kh7 Ke5 69.Kh8 Kf6 70.g5+ hxg5 71.h6 Kg6 72.hxg7 Qxg7#)* 67.Kg8 Qd8+ 68.Kxg7 Qg5+ 69.Kh8 Kf6 70.Kh7 Qg7#]

54.Kg3 Qd3+? 0.01/19

[54...Nxd4-+ -10.40/24 55.Nxd4 Qxd4]

55.Kf4= Qxc2

[55...Nxd4? perishes. 56.Qxd5+ Qb5 57.Qxd4+-]

56.Qxd5+ Kb4 57.Qc5+ Kb3 White must now prevent ...Nc6-b4.

58.Qd5+ Kb2 59.Qb5+ Qb3 60.Qxc6-+ KQ-KQ **60...c2 61.Qg2 Qb4 62.Kf5 Qxd4** aiming for ...Kb2-c3.

63.Qe2 Kc3 64.Qe1+ Qd2 65.Qa1+N Kb3 What a bad dream for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/ Black=0.51

0-1

C07

☐ **Movsesian,Sergei 2612**

■ **Martinez Reyes,Pedro Ramon 2376**

FRA-chT Top 16 GpB (2.4) 02.06.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.N2f3 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 0-0 9.c3** White has an edge. 9.Bc4 is the modern continuation. 9.Lc4 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.

[9.Bc4 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 b6 11.0-0-0 Bb7 12.Ng5 Qc7 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.Ngxe6 fxe6 15.Nxe6 Qf7 16.Nxf8 Qxf8 17.Bc4+ Kh8 18.f3 Nc6 19.Rhe1 Qc5 20.Be6 h6 21.Qd6 Qxd6 22.Rxd6 Nb4 23.a3 Nbd5 1-0 7.f3 b5 8.Qd2 Bb7 9.000 Nbd7 (2503)-Russell,J (2361) FIDE World CH 1996 (4)]

9...Bc5

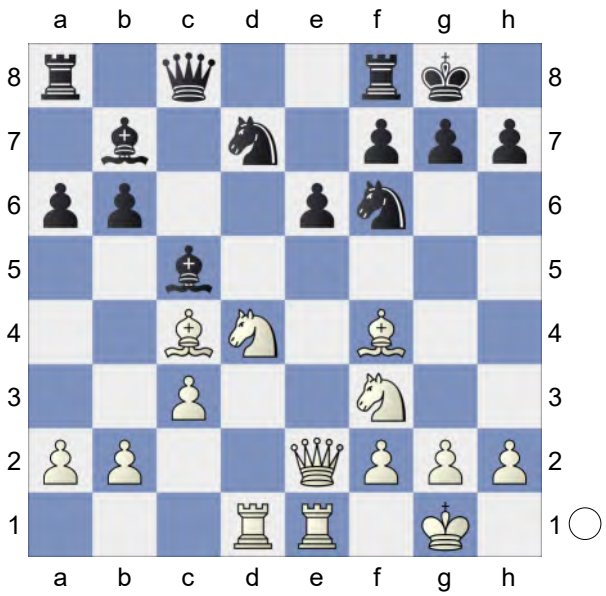
[9...Bd6 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.0-0 a6 12.Re1 Qc7 13.Qe2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 Bxf4 15.Rad1 Nf6 16.Ne5 b5 17.g3 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Qxe5 19.Rxe5 Bb7 20.Ree1 Rfd8 21.Be2 Bd5 22.Bf3 Rac8 23.Bxd5 Nxd5 24.f4 0-1 Harika,D (2497)-Bluebaum,M (2640) Tata Steel-B 80th 2018 (7)]

10.Qc2N

[Predecessor: 10.Bc4 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Qe2 Nf6 0.55/19 *(12...Re8=* -0.01/17 *)* 13.Rad1 Nbd7 14.Bf4 Repels Qd8-c7 Qc8 15.Rfe1 a6 1.02/20 *(15...Re8±* 0.41/19 *)*

(Diagram)

16.Bb3 0.48/18 ;1-0 Nepomniachtchi,I (2773)-Grischuk,A (2742) Chess.com Rapid Wk12 Swiss 2022 (4)



(16.Nxe6!± 1.02/20 fxe6 17.Bxe6+ Kh8 18.b4)]
[10.Bd3 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Qc2 g6 14.Rfe1 Re8 15.Rad1 a5 16.Qa4 Ba6 17.Bxa6 Rxa6 18.c4 Nb6 19.Qc2 e5 20.Bc3 f6 21.b3 Bb4 22.Nd2 Nd7 23.Ne4 Kg7 24.Bxb4 axb4 ½-½ Knox,A (2380)-9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.e4 Be7 (1918) 70/329 Dortmund 1997 (5.30)]

10...Nd7 11.Bd3 N7f6 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Nb3 Bd6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 Qc7 16.Rad1 Ba4 17.Qd2 Rfd8 18.Bb1 Bf4 0.01/21
[18...b5∓ -0.50/19]

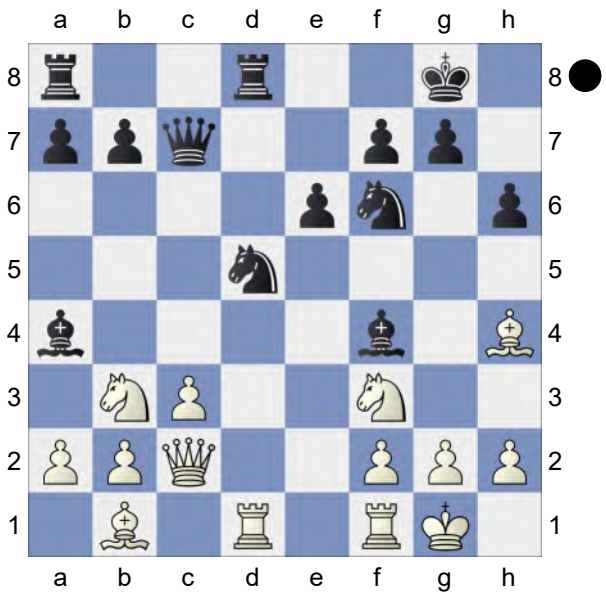
19.Qc2=

(Diagram)

Rd1xd5! is the strong threat. **19...g5 20.Bg3 Rac8 21.Rfe1 Kg7**
[21...Bxg3 simplifies 22.hxg3 Ne7 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Qc1 Bxb3 25.axb3 Kg7]

22.Rd4 Bc6 0.47/20
[Better is 22...b5= -0.24/21]

23.Nc5 0.01/21
[23.Ne5± 0.47/20]



23...Bd7 0.56/21
[Black should try 23...Be8= 0.01/21 24.Ne4 Bxg3 25.hxg3 Nxe4 26.Rdxe4 *(26.Qxe4 Nf6=)* 26...Nf6]

24.Rc4 Qb8 25.Ne5 0.01/24
[25.Nxd7± 0.38/21 should be considered. Rxd7 26.Bxf4 Nxf4 27.Rxc8 Qxc8 28.Ne5]

25...Be8
[25...Bxg3 looks sharper. 26.Nexd7 Bxh2+ 27.Kf1 Rxc5 28.Nxc5]

26.Ncd3
[26.Nxf7 is more complex. Bxf7 27.Nxe6+ Bxe6 28.Qg6+]

26...Rxc4 27.Nxc4 Bxg3 28.hxg3 Bb5 29.Nce5 Strongly threatening c3-c4.

29...Bxd3 30.Qxd3 Qc7 31.Qe2 a6 32.a3 Qd6 33.Nf3 Ne7 34.Qe3 Ng4 35.Qe4 Nf6 A dynamic duo of knights.

36.Qc2 -0.42/23
[Much weaker is 36.Qxb7 Rb8 37.Qa7 Rxb2∓]
[36.Qe3= 0.01/22 feels stronger.]

36...Nc6!∓ 37.Qc1 g4 38.Nh2 Qd2 39.Nf1 Qxc1 40.Rxc1 Ne5 41.Ne3 Prevents Ne5-c4. Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /

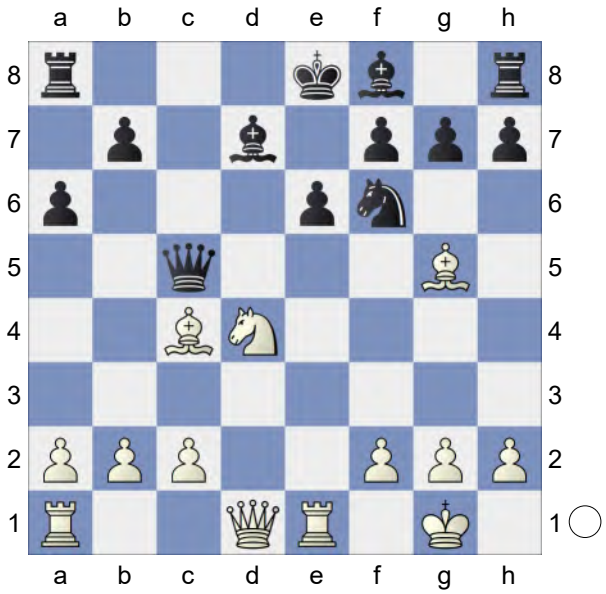
Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

C07
□ **Ellithorpe,Gilbert P** **2734**
■ **Perez Berenguer,Valentin** **2693**
SRB-ch (Women) 17th (3) 12.05.2007
[Kitty Kat]

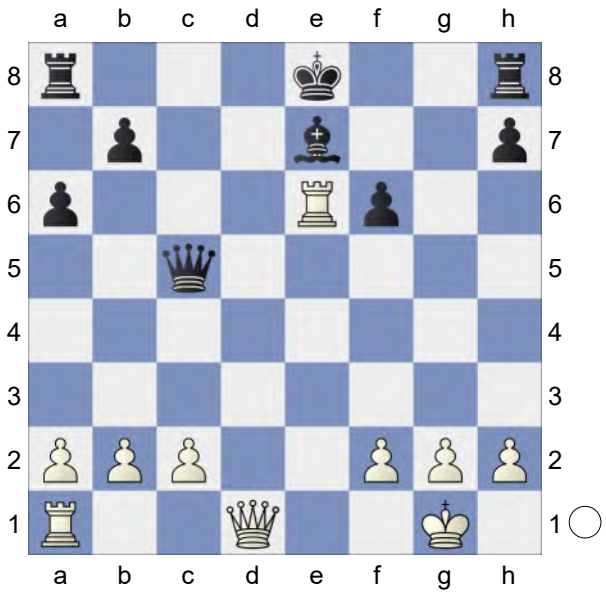
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Bd7 12.Bg5 Qc5N** 1.25/25
[12...0-0-0= 0.21/20 13.Re3 Qc7 *(13...Be7 14.Rd3 Qc5 15.Be3 Qxc4 16.Rc3 Qxc3 17.bxc3 Nd5 18.Qe1 Bd6 19.Rb1 Rhe8 20.c4 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Re7 22.c5 Bb8 23.c6 Be8 24.Qg5 f6 25.Qc5 Rc7 26.Nxe6 Rxc6 27.Qe7* 1-0 Pape,R (2545)-Kausek,K (2514) Jugoslavija 6/607 1968 (10) *)* 14.Bxa6 Bc5 15.Bxb7+ Qxb7 *(15...Kxb7 16.Rc3 Ne4 17.Qf3 Bc6 18.Rb3+ Ka8 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Be3 f5 21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.Rc3 Qd4 23.Rd3 Qc5 24.Rc3* 1-0 Bregadze,L (2432)-Prabhu,N (2145) Charlotte Carolinas op 2023 (2) *)* 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Rc3 Qb6 18.Qh5 e5 19.Nb3 Bc6 20.Rxc5 Rhg8 21.g3 Kb8 22.Qxf7 Bb7 1-0 10.f4 ♘a5 (2178)-Schleicher,C (2442) Middlesex vs Young England 2007 (2)]

(Diagram)

13.Bxe6!± fxe6
[13...Qxg5? 14.Nf3 Qa5 15.Bxd7+ Kd8 16.Ne5+-]



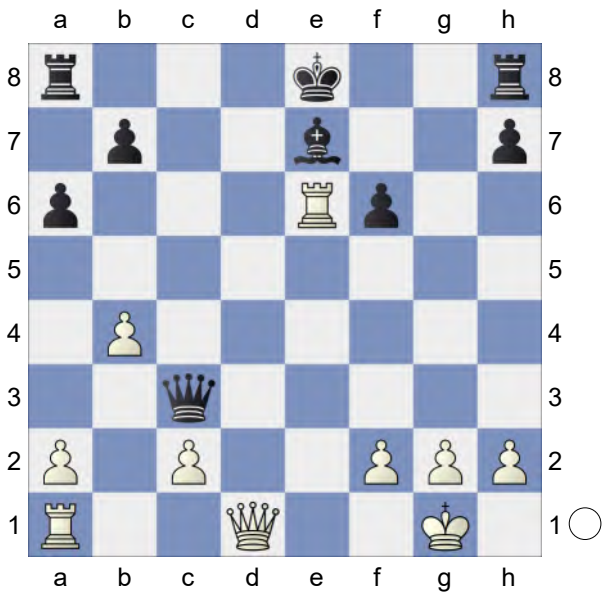
[13...Bxe6 14.Bxf6]
14.Bxf6 White is clearly better. **14...gxf6 15.Nxe6 Bxe6 16.Rxe6+ Be7**



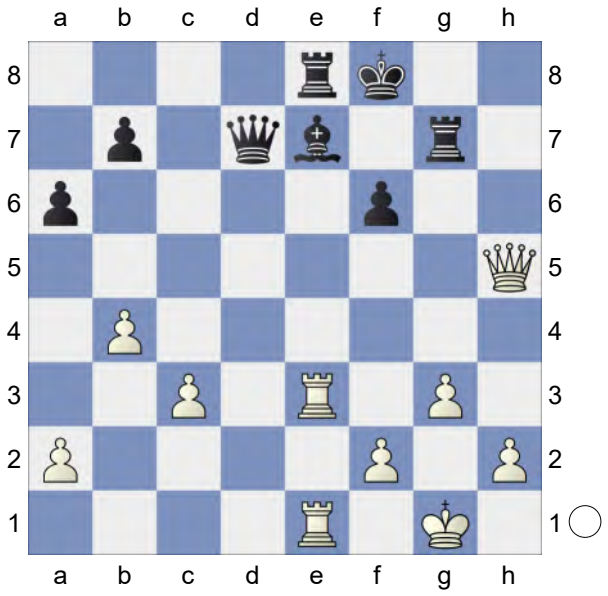
17.b4! White has strong compensation.
17...Qc3

(Diagram)

18.Re3! Qc7
[18...Qxb4? 19.Rb1 Qc5 20.Rxb7+-]
19.Qh5+ Kf8 20.Rae1 Re8 21.Qh6+ Kf7 22.Qh5+ -0.01/21



[22.Re6± 1.45/23]
22...Kf8= **23.Qh6+→** -0.01/22
White mounts an attack.
[23.Re6± 1.44/23 Kg7 24.Qg4+ Kf7 25.Qf5]
23...Kf7 **24.c3** White has more active pieces. **24...Rhg8?** 2.79/23
[24...Qd7± 1.08/23]
25.Qxh7++- **Rg7** **26.Qh5+** **Kf8** **27.g3** 1.68/24
[⌓27.h4 2.92/24]
27...Qd7



28.Re6! h2-h4 would now be deadly.
Chess con chili. **28...Rg5** **29.Qh8+** **Kf7?** 4.01/24
[29...Rg8 1.68/27 30.Qh6+ Rg7]
30.Qh7+ **Rg7** **31.Qh5+** **Rg6** 5.05/22
[31...Kf8 3.29/23 was necessary. 32.h4 b5]
32.c4 **Kg7** **33.Qd5** **Qc7**
[Reject 33...Qxd5 34.cxd5 Bxb4 35.Rxe8+-]
34.Qe4 **Kf7** **35.c5** **Qd7** 4.75/23
[⌓35...Rh6 3.08/25 36.h4 *(36.Rb6 Rb8±)* 36...Rh5]
36.Qf5 And now Re6xf6+! would win.
36...Kg7 **37.Qe4?** -0.01/20
[37.Qh5+- 5.50/24 Kf7 38.R1e3]
37...Kf7= **38.Qf5** -0.01/21
[38.a4+- 3.65/23]
38...Kg7 **39.Qh5** Dodges Be7-d8.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.52
1-0

C07
□ **Luque Saiz,Andres** **2372**
■ **Moreno Trujillo,Alejandro** **2485**
ESP-ch Rapid (8) 17.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4** **e6** **2.d4** **d5** **3.Nd2** **c5** **4.Ngf3** **cxd4** **5.exd5** **Qxd5** **6.Bc4** **Qd7** **7.0-0** **Nc6** **8.Nb3** **Nf6** **9.Nbxd4** **Nxd4** **10.Nxd4** **a6** **11.c3** **Qc7** **12.Qe2** **Bd6** **13.h3** **0-0** **14.Bg5**
[14.Rd1 b5 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.a4 b4 17.cxb4 Bxb4 18.Bg5 Nd5 19.Rac1 Qd7 20.Qe4 g6 21.Bh6 Rfc8 22.Qe5 Bf8 23.Bxf8 Rxf8 24.Nb3 Qxa4 25.Nc5 Qb4 26.Be4 Rfe8 27.Nd7 Rad8 28.Rxd5 exd5 ½-½ Under the Radar,J (2600)-Vangsgaard,C (2645) 78/191 New

York 2000]

14...Qc5N

[14...Bh2+ 15.Kh1 Bf4 16.Bxf4 Qxf4 17.Qf3 Qc7 18.Bb3 Bd7 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.Kg1 Bc8 21.Rfe1 Rfe8 22.Nc2 Bd7 23.Nd4 h6 24.Re3 Bc8 25.Nc2 Rxd1+ 26.Qxd1 Bd7 27.Rd3 Bb5 28.Rd4 e5 29.Rd6 0-1 Capoccia,A-Lemaire,P 56/269 Iraklion 1992 Ne4 30.Rg6 Kh7 31.Rg4 f5 32.Rh4 Nf6 33.Ne3 Bd7 34.Rc4 Qb8 35.Rb4 Qc7 36.Rc4 Qb8 37.Rb4 Qc8 38.Rb6 Bc6 39.Nc4 Rd8 40.Qe1 Nd5 41.Qxe5 Nxb6 42.Nxb6 Re8 43.Qf4 g5 44.Qd2 0-1 Baker,B-Lakdawala,C 27: (rapid) San Diego 2015]

15.Nf3 b5 16.Bd3 Strongly threatening Bg5xf6. **16...Bb7** And now ...Bb7xf3 would win. **17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Be4 Bxe4 19.Qxe4 Rfd8 20.Rfd1 Bf8 21.Nd4 Bg7 22.Rd3 Qe5 23.Qh4** Threatens to win with Nd4-c6. **23...Qg5**

[23...Rd7 is interesting. 24.a4 bxa4 25.Nc6 Qc7]

24.Qxg5 fxg5 25.Rad1 Rac8 26.Nf3 Rxd3 27.Rxd3= Endgame. KRB-KRN **27...Bf6 28.Rd6 a5 29.Rb6 Rc5 30.Nd2** Hoping for Nd2-e4. **30...Rd5 31.Ne4 Be5 32.Kf1**

[32.Nxg5? Rd1#]

32...h6 33.Ke2 Kg7 34.Nd2 Bf6 35.Nf1 Bd8 36.Rb7 Bf6 37.Ne3 Rc5 38.Kd3 h5 39.g4 hxg4 40.hxg4 Kg6 41.f3 Be5 42.Nc2 Rd5+ 43.Ke4 Bf6 44.Nd4 Bxd4 45.cxd4 KR-KR **45...b4 46.b3 Kf6** 0.64/29

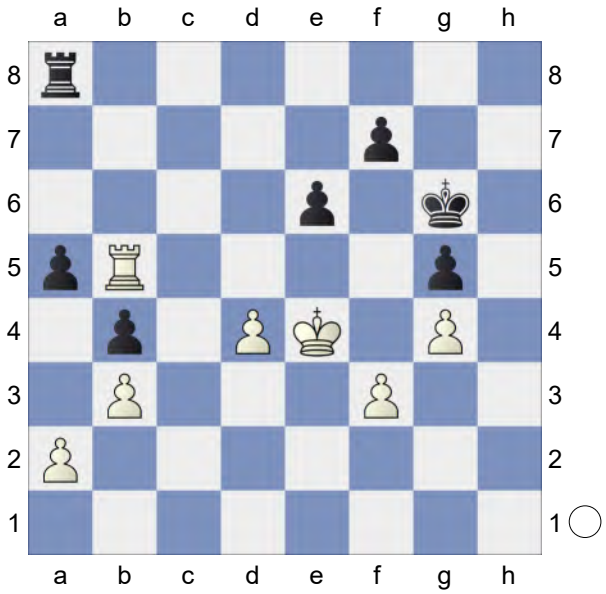
[46...f5+= 0.01/30 47.gxf5+ Rxf5]

47.Rc7!± White is more active. **47...Rd8** 1.12/27

[47...Rd6± 0.70/28]

48.Rc5± Ra8 49.Rb5 Kg6

(Diagram)



50.Kd3 0.01/25

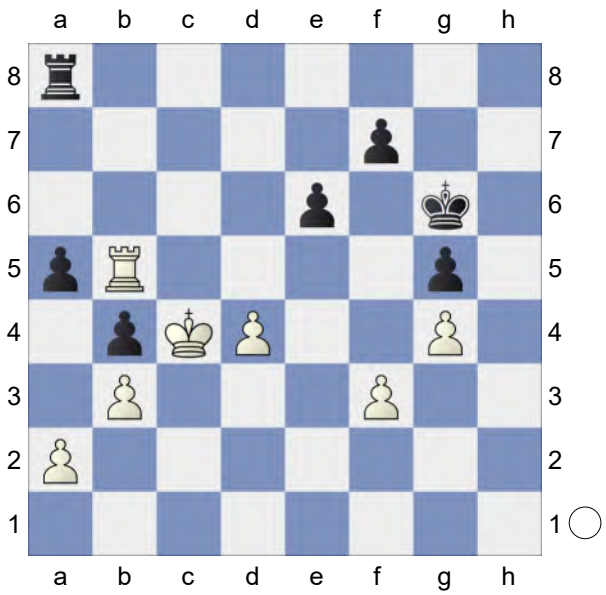
[50.Rb6!± 0.97/26]

50...Kf6 1.15/28

[50...f5= 0.01/25]

51.Kc4 Kg6 1.88/25

[51...Rc8+± 1.00/26 was necessary. 52.Rc5 Ra8]



52.Rc5? 0.10/25

[White should play 52.d5!+- 1.88/25]

52...f5= 53.Kb5 Kf6 0.51/24

[53...f4= 0.05/25]

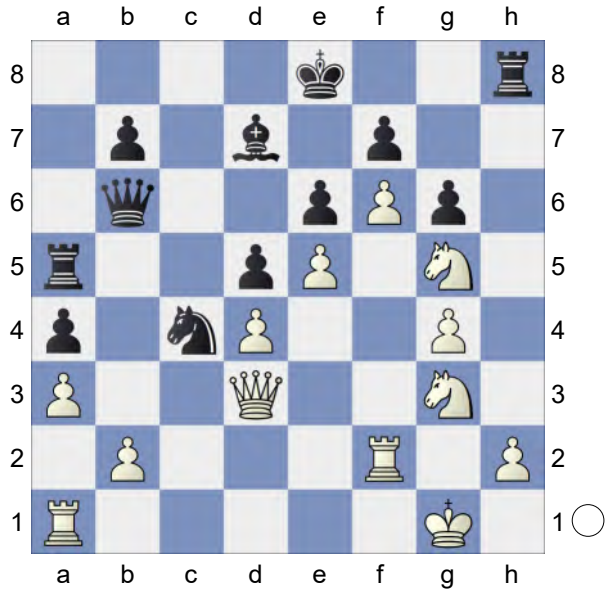
54.Ka4 -0.01/26

[Better is 54.Rc6± 0.51/24 Kf7 55.gxf5 exf5 56.d5]
54...Rd8 55.Kxa5 Rxd4 56.gxf5 -1.68/25
[56.Rc4= -0.20/24 and White has nothing to worry. Rd2 57.Kxb4 Rxa2 58.Kc5]
56...exf5-+ 57.Rc4? -19.24/24
[57.Rc1∓ -1.58/24]
57...Rxc4 58.bxc4 g4? 0.00/25
[58...Ke6-+ -18.94/26 (→ ...g5-g4) 59.Ka6 g4]
59.fxg4= The position is equal. **59...fxg4** KPP-KPP **60.c5! g3**
[60...Ke6!? 61.c6□ *(61.Kxb4 g3 62.c6 Kd6 63.c7 Kxc7 64.Kc5 g2 65.Kd5 g1Q 66.Ke5 Qc5+ 67.Kf4 Qd4+ 68.Kg3 Qe3+ 69.Kg4 Kd6 70.Kf5 Qf3+ 71.Kg5 Ke6 72.Kh6 Qg2 73.Kh7 Kf6 74.Kh8 Qg7#)* 61...g3=]
61.c6!
[61.Kxb4 g2 62.Kc3 g1Q *(62...g1R? 63.Kd3-+)* 63.c6 Ke5 64.Kd3 Qd4+ 65.Kc2 Qc4+ 66.Kb2 Qxc6 67.Kb3 Kd4 68.Kb2 Qc3+ 69.Kb1 Qd2 70.a3 Kc3 71.a4 Qb2#]
61...Ke7
[61...g2!? 62.c7□ *(62.Kxb4* is a self mate. *g1Q 63.Kc4 Ke5 64.c7 Qd4+ 65.Kb5 Qc3 66.Ka4 Qxc7 67.Kb4 Kd4 68.Kb3 Qc3+ 69.Ka4 Kc4 70.a3 Qb3+ 71.Ka5 Qb5#)* 62...g1Q=]
62.Ka6! Kd6
[62...g2!? 63.c7□ g1Q= *(63...g1R?* is the wrong capture. *64.c8Q+-; 63...Kd7 64.Kb7=)*]
63.Kb7 g2 64.c7 g1Q 65.c8Q Qg2+ 66.Kb6 Kd5? #10/22 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.24 (precise) . An unexpected result.
[66...Qxa2= 0.00/25 67.Qc5+ Ke6]
½-½

C06
□ **Navara,David** **2718**
■ **Bischoff,Klaus** **2504**
Deutschland 123/97 2014
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3 c5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Ne2 a5 8.0-0 Be7 9.f4**
[9.Nf3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nb6 11.a4 Bd7 12.Nf4 g6 13.b3 Nb4 14.Bb1 Nc8 15.g3 b5 16.h4 bxa4 17.bxa4 Qb6 18.Nd3 Na7 19.Bg5 Bxg5 20.hxg5 Nac6 21.Nc5 Kd8 22.Qd2 Re8 23.Rc1 Re7 1-0 Vocaturo,D (2615)-Bischoff,K (2486) EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen 2022 (6.4)]
9...cxd4 10.cxd4 White is slightly better.
10...Nb6 11.Nf3 Bd7N
[11...h5 12.Nc3 g6 13.Qe2 Bd7 14.a3 a4 15.Nb5 Na5 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 Nbc4 18.f5 gxf5 19.Bg5 Qb6 20.Rab1 Rg8 21.Bxf5 Nxd6 22.Bh7 Rxg5 23.Nxg5 Qxd4+ 24.Kh1 Bb5 25.Qe1 Bxf1 26.Nxe6 0-1 Beshukov,S (2428)-Bischoff,K (2556) Premier Hastings ENG 2000 (1)]
12.g4 0.33/19
[12.f5± 0.72/18]
12...a4 13.f5 Nb4 1.54/19
[13...Nc4± 0.59/20]
14.Ng3 0.87/20
[Better is 14.Nf4 1.54/19]
14...Nxd3 1.33/21
[Black should try 14...exf5 0.87/20 15.gxf5 *(15.Bxf5 g6±)* 15...Nxd3]

15.Qxd3± g6 1.86/22 Wards off Ng3-h5
[15...exf5± 1.17/19 was necessary. 16.Nxf5 *(16.gxf5 Nc4±)* 16...Kf8]
16.Bh6+- Rg8 17.f6 Bb4 18.Ng5 Hoping for Ng3-h5! **18...Nc4 19.a3** 0.97/22
[19.Nxh7? Rh8-+]
[19.Nh5+- 2.38/20 and White stays clearly on top. And now Nh5-g7+ would win. Bb5 20.Ng7+ Deflection Kd7 21.N7xe6 *(21.Nxh7? Qb6-+)* 21...fxe6 22.f7 *(22.Nxh7? Rh8-+)*]
19...Bf8± 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Nxh7 White has more active pieces. **21...Rh8 22.Ng5 Qb6 23.Rf2 Ra5**



24.N3e4? -0.22/23 **dxe4** 1.24/24
[24...Nxe5!= -0.22/23 remains equal. 25.dxe5 dxe4 26.Nxe4 *(26.Qxe4? Rxh2* Pin *27.Qf4 Rxf2-+)* 26...Rd5 *(26...Rxe5 27.Nd6+ Kf8 28.Nc4±)*]
25.Qxc4 Ra1-e1! is the strong threat. **25...Rd5 26.Rd1→** Threatens to win with Qc4-c3! White wants a kill.
[26.Nxe4? Rxd4 27.Qe2 Bc6 28.Nd6+ Kf8-+]
26...e3? 2.89/21 This move loses the game for Black.
[26...Bc6± 1.08/20]
27.Re2+- Bc6 28.Qc3
[28.Rxe3 Qxb2 29.Re2 *(29.h3? Rxd4-+)* 29...Qxa3=]
28...Rb5? 4.59/22
[28...Kd7 2.73/21 29.Qxe3 *(29.Nxf7 Rh4+-)* 29...Rf8]
29.d5 White is clearly winning.
[29.Rxe3 Rb3 30.Qe1 Rxe3 31.Qxe3 Qxb2∓]
[29.Qxe3 Rxb2 30.d5 Qxe3+ 31.Rxe3 Rhxh2 *(31...Bxd5 32.h3±)* 32.dxc6 Rbg2+ 33.Kf1 Rf2+ 34.Ke1 Ra2=]
29...exd5 30.e6
[30.Rxe3? Rb3 *(30...Rxb2? 31.e6-+)* 31.Qd4 Qxd4 32.Rxd4 Rxe3-+]
30...d4 31.exf7+ Kf8 32.Rxd4
[Inferior is 32.Qxd4 Qxd4 33.Ne6+ *(33.Rxd4 Rxg5 34.Rd8+ Kxf7∓)* 33...Kxf7 34.Nxd4 Rh4=]
32...Rxg5 33.Qxe3 Rxg4+ 34.Rxg4 Qxe3+ 35.Rxe3 Intending Re3-e7 and mate. **35...Kxf7 36.Rf4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.47
1-0

C05
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2714**
■ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2639**
FIDE World Cup (2.3) 29.11.2007
[Kitty Kat]

C05: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7, 5 f4 and 5 Bd3 sidelines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Rb8** 0.72/21
[7...Qb6= 0.14/20 8.g3 *(8.a3 Be7 9.h4 Qc7 10.Bd3 b6 11.Ne2 Bb7 12.f5 Nf8 13.Nf4 0-0-0 14.Qe2 Kb8 15.Nh5 g6 16.f6 gxh5 17.fxe7 Nxe7 18.Ng5 Nf5 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.0-0 h6*

21.Qxh5 Ng6 22.Nh3 Bc8 1-0 Valiev,P (2306)-Mosley,G (2072) 17/482 Las Palmas 1974 (8.8)) 8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Be7 10.Ne2 f6 11.Bh3 0-0 12.Bxe6+ Kh8 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Bxc8 Bb4+ 15.Kf1 Raxc8 16.Kg2 Ne7 17.Qd3 Ne4 18.a3 Bd6 19.b4 Bb8 20.a4 Nf5 21.Rb1 Qg6 22.Rd1 h5 1-0 5.f4 h5 6.♗e3 ♘h6 (2517)-Mulenga,P (2460) Odessa (m/2-rapid) 109/198 2010]

8.Bd3± b5 9.Ne2 g6 1.05/20

[9...b4± 0.54/19]

10.0-0N White is better.

[10.g4 b4 11.f5 bxc3 12.bxc3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Bb1 Nb6 15.0-0 Nc4 16.fxe6 Bxe6 17.Ng5 Be7 18.Nxf7 Bxf7 19.Qa4+ Qd7 20.Qxd7+ Kxd7 21.Rxf7 Nc6 22.Bd3 Ke8 23.Rxh7 Rxh7 24.Bxg6+ Kd7 1-0 Fenil,S-Barua,D Bhubaneswar op 2nd 2010 (2)]

10...Qb6 11.g4 0.26/18

[11.Kh1± 1.05/19]

11...h5!= 12.h3 0.24/21

[12.gxh5± 0.61/20 Rxh5 13.Kh1]

12...b4 13.Qa4 -0.01/19

[13.a3± 0.46/18]

13...bxc3 14.bxc3 cxd4 1.09/21

[14...Qc7= 0.29/21 remains equal.]

15.Rb1 0.63/23

[15.cxd4?! Nb4 16.Rb1 Qc7=]

[15.Nexd4± 1.09/21 hxg4 16.hxg4]

15...Qc7± 16.Rxb8

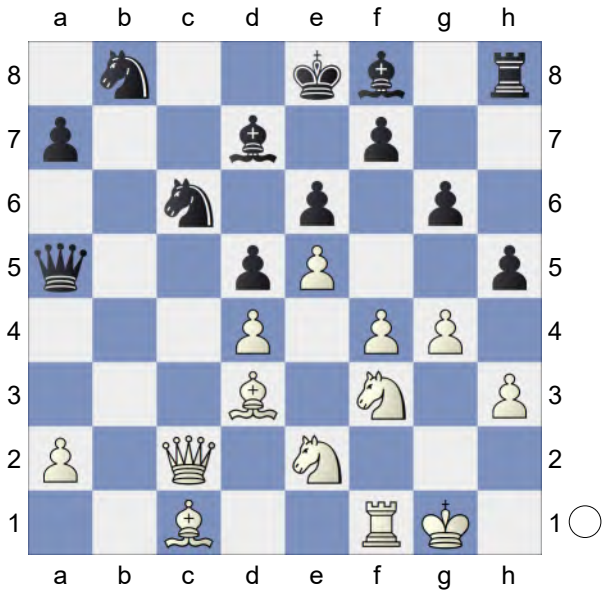
[16.cxd4 Rxb1 17.Bxb1 Nb6=]

16...Ndxb8 17.cxd4 Bd7 1.06/22

[17...hxg4± 0.48/21 18.hxg4 Qa5 19.Qxa5 Nxa5]

18.Qc2± aiming for Bd3xg6! White is more active. **18...Qa5** 1.99/22

[18...hxg4± 1.09/20 was called for. 19.hxg4 Qa5]



19.Bxg6!+- Nb4 20.Qb1 Qxa2 2.22/22

[20...fxg6? is the wrong capture. 21.Qxg6+ Kd8 22.Qf6+ *(22.gxh5 Kc8+-)* 22...Be7 23.Qxh8++-]

[20...hxg4? 21.Ng5 Qb5 22.Nxf7 *(22.Bxf7+ Kd8+-)* 22...Qxe2 23.Nxh8++-]

[20...Bb5± 1.59/21 was necessary.]

21.Bd2? 0.21/25

[21.Qxa2+- 2.22/22 Nxa2 22.Bxh5]

21...Qxb1= 22.Bxb1

[22.Rxb1 fxg6 23.Bxb4 Bxb4 24.Rxb4 Nc6=]

22...hxg4 23.hxg4 Bb5 24.Re1 N8c6 25.Nc3 Bc4 26.Kg2 a5 27.Na4 -0.43/22

[27.Rg1= -0.01/20 feels stronger.]

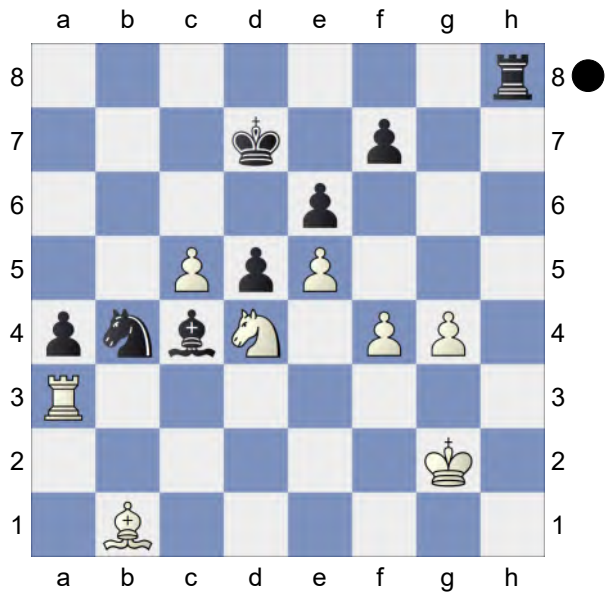
27...Bb3∓ 28.Nc5 Bxc5 29.dxc5 a4 30.Bxb4 Nxb4 31.Nd4 Bc4 32.Re3 -1.72/25

[32.c6∓ -0.48/21]

32...Kd7-+ White must now prevent ... Nb4-c6. **33.Ra3**

(Diagram)

Ra8 And now ...Nb4-c6 would win. **34.f5** Threatens to win with Ra3-h3. **34...Nc6**



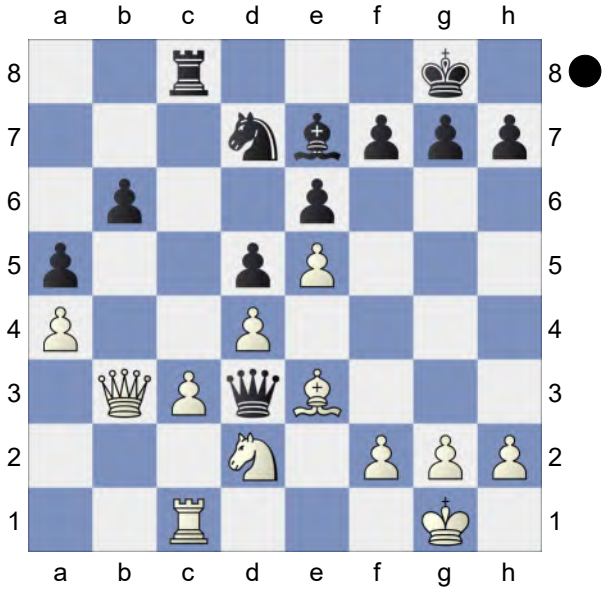
35.Nf3 Rb8 36.Ra1 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.20 (precise) . Loss on time!?
1-0

C04

☐ **Sjugirov,S.** **2610**
■ **Korobov,Anton** **2648**
9th Aeroflot Open A (6) 14.02.2010
[Kitty Kat]

C04: French Tarrasch: 3...Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.Nb3 Be7**
[6...a5 7.a4 Be7 8.Bb5 transposes.]
7.Bb5
[7.Bf4 is an optional approach.]
7...a5 8.a4 Na7! Black introduces the twin ideas of ...c5 and, after ...b6, the move ...Ba6. **9.Be2**
[9.Bd3 b6 10.c3 c5 gains a move by threatening ...c4, and 11.Bc2?! -0.14/20 *(⩲11.Nbd2* 0.29/21 *)* 11...Ba6 prevents castling.]
[9.Nxa5 c6 10.Be2 Qxa5+-+]
9...b6 10.0-0
[In my book Dangerous Weapons: French, I analyse 10.h4!? c5
A) 11.Ng5 0.04/20 11.h4-h5 0.66 cxd4 12.f4 Nc5;
B) 11.h5!? c4!? 12.Nbd2 0.38/21 *(12.h6±* 0.80/22 *g6 13.Nbd2)* 12...f6 0.99/21 *(12...h6±* 0.38/21 *)* 13.h6!± g6 14.exf6 Bxf6 1.78/21 *(14...Nxf6±* 1.06/21 *15.Ne5 0-0)* 15.0-0+- Nc6 2.15/21 *(15...b5±* 1.60/19 might work better. *16.b3 0-0)* 16.c3+- 0-0
B1) 17.b3 cxb3 18.Nxb3 1.15/21 *(18.Bb5+-* 2.18/22 *Na7 19.Be2)* 18...e5± 19.Bb5 Bb7;
B2) 17.b3+- 2.11/22;
B3) 17.Re1 1.15/21 17...e5± 18.dxe5 Ndxe5 with activity and equal prospects.;
C) 11.c3
C1) 11...c4 12.Nbd2 0-0;
C2) 11...Qc7!? 0.69/20 11...f7-f6 0.31;
C3) 11...f6 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Ne5 Nd7 1.26/20 *(13...0-0±* 0.37/21 *)*;
C4) 11...Nc6 12.Bg5 0.23/19 *(12.h5±* 0.76/20 *)* 12...0-0= 13.0-0 Ba6= 0.35/21 and Black exchanges his bad bishop for White's good one, with equality. *(13...f6=* -0.01/21 *14.exf6 Nxf6)*]
10...c5 11.c3 White is slightly better.
[11.Bf4 Bb7 12.Qd2 h6 13.c3 Qc8 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Nbd4 Ba6 16.Qe3 Bxe2 17.Nxe2 Nb3 18.Ra2 Qc4 19.Rd1 g5 20.Bg3 Rc8 21.Qd3 Nc6 22.Nc1 Nb4 23.Qxc4 Rxc4 24.cxb4 Nxc1 25.Ra1 Ne2+ 0-1 Korneev,O (2580)-Bortnyk,O (2567) Tashkent 133/106 2017]
11...Nc6 12.Be3 0-0
[Or 12...Ba6 0.66/19 12...0-0 0.30]

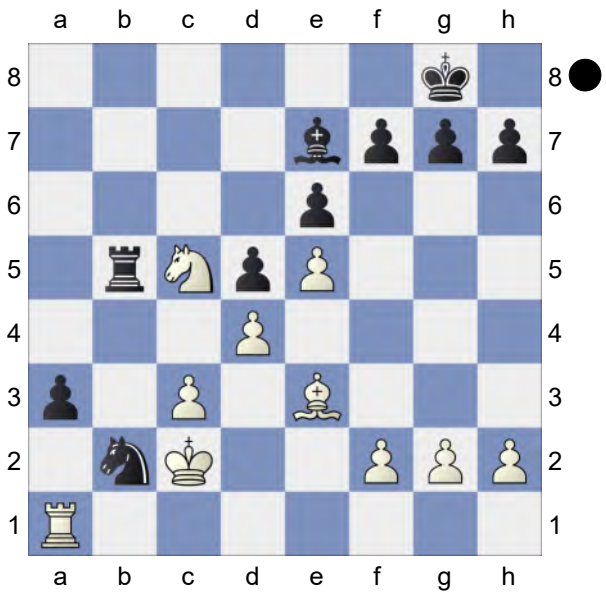
13.Re1N
[13.Ne1 Ba6 14.Bxa6! Rxa6 15.f4 f5! is Tiviakov-Vysochin, Cairo 2002, still a highly relevant game.]
[13.Bb5 Qc7 14.Ng5 h6 15.Nh3 Ba6 16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.f4 cxd4 18.cxd4 f5 19.Kh1 Nb4 20.Rc1 Qb8 21.g4 Ra7 22.g5 hxg5 23.fxg5 g6 24.Nf4 Kf7 25.h4 Rh8 26.Ng2 Rc7 27.Qe2 Rhc8 1-0 Hladky,T (2195)-Durovka,M (1960) Skalica op-A 2023 (9)]
13...Ba6 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.Nc1 Ra8 Perfectly normal. Black intends ...Qc8-a6.
[15...Ra7 is attractive, because in many lines the rook wants to go to c7 for potential doubling on the c-file, and in other cases it serves as a second-rank defender (all the more so if Black breaks with ...f6, which is one of his major themes).]
16.Ne2 Qc8 17.Nf4 Qa6 18.Rc1 Rfc8 19.Nd2 -0.92/21
[19.Nh5∓ -0.54/19]
19...cxd4∓ 20.cxd4 Nb4 -0.37/22
[20...b5∓ -0.82/21 21.Qg4 Nf8]
21.Rc3∓
[21.Qg4 Nf8! (the great thing about this is that the knight on d7 was the one piece restricted by White's pawn and now serves a useful defensive function on the kingside) 22.h4 -1.34/21 *(22.Nh5* -1.75/21 22.Re1-f1 -0.66 *Ng6; ⌓22.Rf1* -0.76/22 *)* 22...Rxc1 -0.61/21 *(*Black should try *22...Nc2∓* -1.34/21 *23.Rf1 b5)* 23.Rxc1∓ Rc8 with excellent play, e.g.,. Repels Rc1-c7 24.Rf1 Nc2! 25.h5 -1.31/23 *(25.Nb1∓* -0.62/20 *)* 25...h6!]
21...Rxc3?! -0.21/20
[21...b5! 22.axb5 Qxb5 keeps more pressure on, but Black wanted a safe advantage.]
[21...b5∓ -0.84/22 22.axb5 Qxb5]
22.bxc3= Nd3 23.Nxd3 Qxd3 24.Qb3 Rc8 -0.33/23
[24...Rb8!∓ -0.82/24]
25.Rc1∓



b5!? 0.01/27 Why this? Simply **26.Qxb5**
[26.axb5 is also enough to hold. Black gets good piece placement but has to waste time recovering his pawn after
A) 26...Nb6?! Hoping for ...a5-a4. 27.c4! Qxb3 28.Nxb3 aiming for c4-c5. Ba3! 29.Ra1 *(29.Rc2* -0.61/24 29.Rc1-a1 0.30 *Rxc4)* 29...dxc4 30.Rxa3 cxb3 31.Rxb3 a4 32.Rb1;
B) 26...Bb4 27.Qb1! Qxb1 28.Nxb1 Bf8 29.Nd2 Nb6 30.Nb3 a4 31.Nc5 . This also happens in the game.]
26...Qxb5 27.axb5 Nb6 28.Kf1 a4 29.Ke2 a3 30.Kd3 Na4 31.Nb3 Rb8 32.Nc5?! -0.48/23 After this White may be within drawing range, but the loss of two moves makes it much harder.
[32.Ra1! Rxb5 33.Kc2 Nb2 34.Bc1

Nc4 35.Ra2 Kf8 36.Nd2= with the ideas of Nb1 and/or Kb3.]
[32.c4? Nb2+ *(32...dxc4+? 33.Kxc4 Nb2+* Deflection *34.Kc3-+)* 33.Kc2 Nxc4-+]
[32.Kc2= -0.01/27]

32...Nb2+! 33.Kc2 Rxb5 34.Ra1



Nc4 -0.44/22
[34...Bxc5!∓ -0.83/24 35.dxc5 Nc4]

35.Nb3 You can see the difference. Black holds everything. **35...h5!?**
[35...f6 36.exf6 gxf6 looks more natural, but White has time for 37.Bc1 Kf7 38.Nd2! Ra5! 39.Nb1 Bd6 40.h3 -0.91/24 *(40.Kb3!∓* -0.38/23 *)* 40...a2 -0.01/24 *(40...Kg6∓* -0.91/24 *)* 41.Nd2= Ra7 42.Nxc4 dxc4 43.Kb2 Ba3+ 44.Kc2! Be7 45.Kb2=]

36.Bc1 Kh7 37.Ra2 Rb8 38.Nd2 Ra8 Black is much more active. **39.Ra1**
[39.Kb3 might be answered with Bg5 , so]
[39.Nb1! Kg6 40.Kb3 is perhaps best.]

39...Kg6 40.Kd3 -1.35/25
[⌓40.Nxc4 -0.77/24 dxc4 41.Kb1]

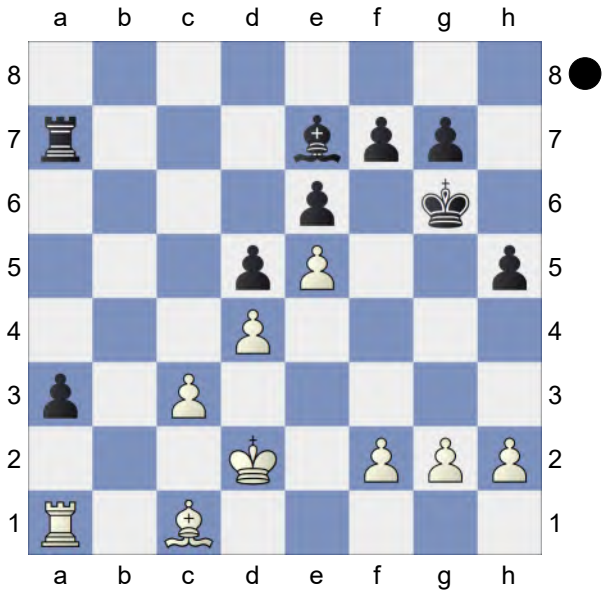
40...Ra4 -0.54/26
[40...Nb6! -0.56/22 40...Nc4xd2 -1.30]
[40...Nxd2∓ -1.35/25 41.Kxd2 Bg5+ 42.Kc2 Bxc1 43.Rxc1 f6 44.exf6 Kxf6]

41.Kc2
[41.Nxc4 dxc4+ 42.Ke2 f6∓]

41...Ra7 42.Kd3 -1.24/26
[Better is 42.Nxc4∓ -0.45/25 dxc4 43.Kb1]

42...Nxd2∓
[42...Nb6! -0.41/22 42...Nc4xd2 -1.17]

43.Bxd2 Endgame. KRB-KRB
[43.Kxd2!



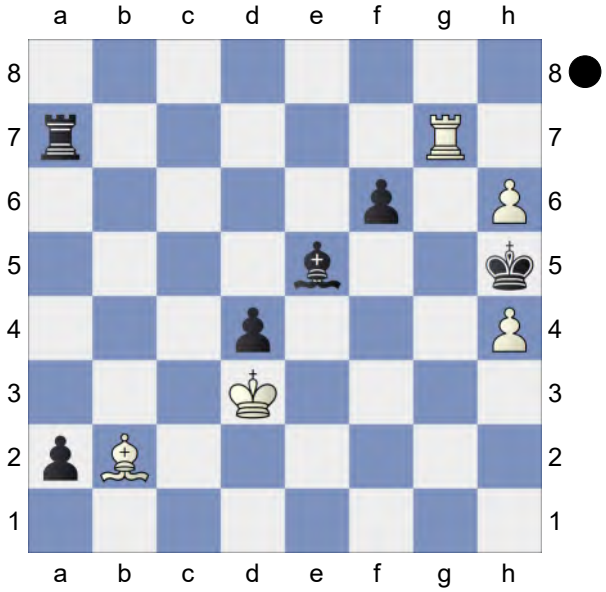
f6 -0.38/26 *(Black should play 43...h4!∓* -1.44/25 Strongly threatening ...h4-h3! *44.Kc2 Kf5)* 44.exf6!∓ gxf6 45.Kc2 and Kb3 isn't so easy for Black to win.]

43...f6! 44.exf6 gxf6 45.c4?! The game is hard to hold anyway, but this creates further weaknesses.

45...dxc4+ 46.Kxc4 Kf5 47.Bc1 Bd6 48.h3 Rc7+ 49.Kb3 Rg7
[49...Rd7 simplifies 50.Bxa3 Bxa3 51.Rxa3 Rxd4 52.Kc2 Rf4]

50.g3 -1.80/26
[50.Bxa3∓ -1.01/25 Bxa3 51.Rxa3]

50...Rb7+-+ 51.Kc2 Ra7 52.Kd3 -1.96/23
[52.Ra2∓ -1.57/25]
52...a2 53.Bb2 e5! 54.f3 -2.10/25
[⌓54.d5 -1.68/26]
54...exd4 55.g4+ Kf4 56.gxh5 -4.04/22
[56.Bxd4 -1.98/23 Ra3+ 57.Kc2]
56...Be5
[56...Kxf3 57.Bxd4 Ra3+ 58.Kc2=]
57.h6 Kxf3 58.Rf1+ Kg2 59.Ra1 Kf3 0.01/21
[59...Kxh3 60.Rh1+ Kg3 61.h7-+]
[59...f5-+ -3.06/24 And now ...f5-f4! would win. 60.Re1 Bf4 61.Bxd4 Ra3+ Skewer 62.Kc2 Bxh6 *(62...Kxh3? 63.h7+-)*]
60.h4? -3.06/24 White does not recover from this.
[60.Rf1+!= 0.01/21 and White is okay. Kg3 61.Ra1]
60...Kg4 61.Rg1+? -7.24/25
[61.Ke4 -2.23/23]
61...Kh5 Black is clearly winning.
[61...Kxh4 62.Rg7-+]
62.Rg7

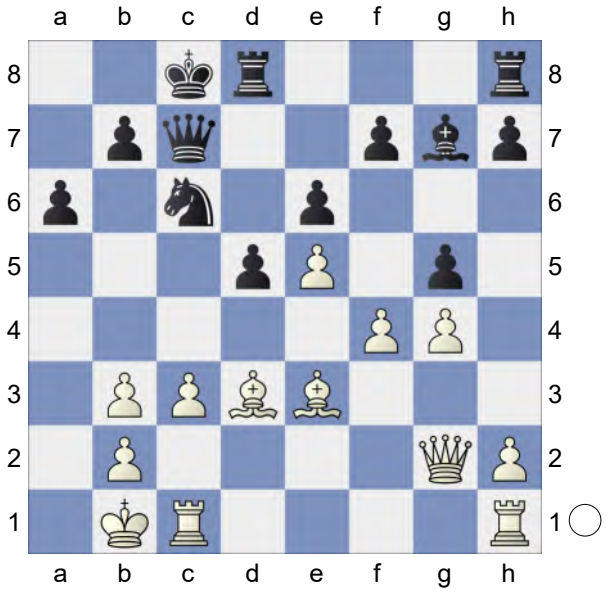


Ra3+!! Deflection, Promotion **63.Bxa3** h6-h7 would kill now.
[63.Kc4 Kxh6]
63...a1Q
[Stronger than 63...a1B 64.h7 Bf4 65.h8Q+ *(65.h8R+ Bh6 66.Bc1 Kxh4 67.Rxh6#)* 65...Bh6 66.Bc1 Kxh4 67.Qxh6#]
64.Bf8 Qc3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.23 (precise)
0-1

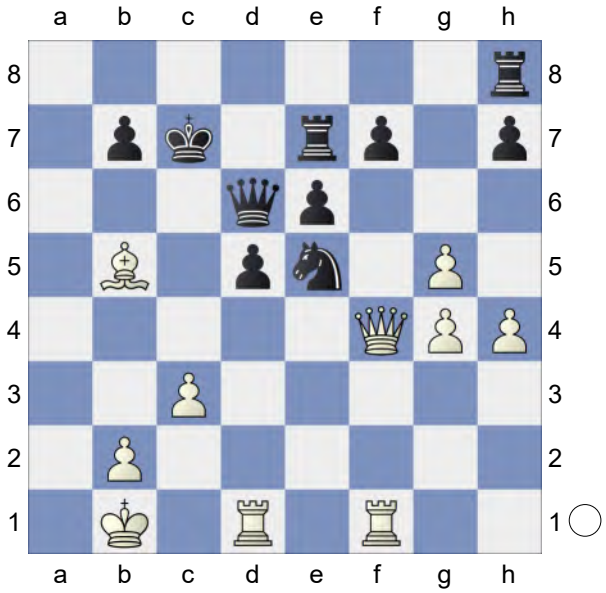
C03
□ **Timman,Jan H** **2566**
■ **Nikolic,Predrag** **2619**
II 117/84 Wijk aan Zee 2013
[Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.e5 c5 5.Qg4 Bf8 6.dxc5 Qc7 7.Ngf3 Nh6N**
[7...Nc6 8.Bb5 f6 9.0-0 Bxc5 10.c4 fxe5 11.Qh5+ g6 12.Qxe5 Qxe5 13.Nxe5 Nge7 14.Ndf3 0-0 15.Bxc6 Nxc6 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Bh6 Rf5 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Rac1 Bb6 20.Be3 Cardenas,R (2563)-Bungo,G (2485) USSR 11/322 1971]
[7...Nd7 8.Nb3 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 Qxe5+ 10.Be3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 Nf6 12.Qb4 b6 13.Qd4 Qc7 14.cxb6 axb6 15.Kb1 b5 16.f3 Bd6 17.Qb6 Qxb6 18.Bxb6 b4 19.Nc5 Bc6 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.fxe4 Ke7 22.exd5 1-0 Van Foreest,J (2701)-Heimann,A (2599) FRA-chT Top 12 2021 (9.4)]
8.Qh5 White is better. **8...Nd7 9.Nb3 Nf5! 10.g4**
[10.Bb5 feels hotter. a6 11.Ba4 Bxc5 12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.0-0]
10...g6 0.79/20
[10...Ne7± 0.36/22]
11.Qh3± Ne7 12.Nfd4 -0.08/20
[White should try 12.Bb5± 0.75/19]

12...a6 0.55/21 Black is weak on the dark squares
[12...Qxe5+= -0.08/20 13.Be3 h5]
13.f4± Nxc5 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.c3 Active counter play! **15...Qb6 16.Nb3** -0.19/20
[16.Qg2± 0.36/18]
16...Bd7 0.62/21
[Better is 16...h5= -0.19/20]
17.Be3 Qc7 18.0-0-0 Ba4 19.Kb1 Nc6! 20.Rc1 Bxb3 21.axb3 Bg7 1.06/20
[21...Na5± 0.51/19]
22.Bd3 0.70/20
[22.Be2± 1.06/20]
22...0-0-0 1.11/20
[Black should play 22...h5± 0.70/20]
23.Qg2± g5



Deflection **24.fxg5 Bxe5 25.Qf2** Repels Be5-f4. aiming for Be3-b6.
25...Qe7 26.h4 Kb8 27.Rhf1 Rd7 28.Rcd1 0.97/21
[⌓28.b4 1.56/21]
28...Ka8 1.74/21
[28...d4± 0.97/21]
29.Bc5 A strong pair of Bishops.
29...Qd8 1.96/21
[29...Bd6± 1.52/22 was worth a try.]
30.b4+- Qc7 2.17/22
[⌓30...h6 1.65/21]
31.Qc2 Bd6 32.Bxd6 1.31/22
[But not 32.Bxh7?! Bxc5 33.bxc5 Qe5±]
[32.Be3+- 1.78/20]
32...Qxd6± 33.b5 Ne5 34.Be2
[Much weaker is 34.Bxh7?! Nxg4 35.Rde1 axb5±]
34...axb5 35.Bxb5 Re7 1.88/23
[35...Rc7± 1.17/24 was necessary.]
36.Qa4++- Kb8 37.Qf4 1.04/22
[37.Rf6+- 1.89/22]
37...Kc7 1.84/22
[37...Rc8± 1.04/22]



38.c4! c4-c5! is the strong threat.
38...Ng6? 4.73/22
[38...Nc6 1.72/23 is more resistant.]
39.Qf6 Qe5 7.24/23
[⌓39...Rg8 4.43/22 40.h5 Nf8 41.cxd5 Nd7]
40.cxd5 exd5 41.h5 Nf8 42.Rc1+ White is clearly winning. **42...Kb8 43.Qxe5+ Rxe5 44.Rxf7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.38
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C05
□ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2717**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2699**
Olympiad-37 Turin (9) 30.05.2006
[Radjabov,Kitty Kat]

C05: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7, 5 f4 and 5 Bd3 sidelines **1.e4** We needed a win against Spain in order to fight for a good place, so I was in a fighting mood as usual. **1...e6** Solid approach. **2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5!?** Doesn't win a single pawn, but destroys Black pawn's structure a bit:) **4...Nfd7 5.f4 c5** Protecting e5 in an extraordinary way is usual for black here, the idea of this move will be clear after White's next move. **6.Ngf3 Nc6!** Now bishop is untouchable so white has to develop. **7.Bd3**
[7.Bd3 -0.22/21 7.c2-c3 0.21 Qb6 8.dxc5 *(8.c4 Nb4 9.Bb1 dxc4 10.Nxc4 Qa6 11.Qe2 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bc5 13.Nb5 Nd5 14.Ncd6+ Ke7* Gaudeau,A (2410)-Vila USSR 43/562 1987 *)* 8...Nxc5 9.Nb3! Nxd3+ *(9...Nb4 10.Be2 Nxb3 11.axb3 d4 12.Bc4 Bd7 13.c3 dxc3 14.bxc3 Nd5 15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Nd4 Rc8 17.0-0 Rxc3 18.Bb2 Bb4 19.Kh1 0-0 20.f5 Re3 21.f6 Re8 22.Nf3 Qb5 23.Qc1 Qe2 24.Bd4* 0-1 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.g3_37100 (2373)-5. ♗d3 d5 6.00 ♗d6 (2475) DDR (11) *)* 10.Qxd3 Nb4 11.Qe2 Bd7 12.Nfd4 Prevents Bd7-b5 Ba4 13.Be3 -0.60/20 *(13.a3!=* -0.15/22 *Nc6 14.Be3 Nxd4 15.Bxd4)*]
7...g6N 0.42/19
[7...Qb6= -0.12/20]
8.0-0!? Qb6 9.dxc5 -0.30/22 Known from some 30-40 years ago when R.J. Fischer played it vs top players of his times.
[9.Kh1± 0.40/18]
9...Nxc5= Black has an edge. An unusual attempt, typical for Shirov.
[9...Bxc5+ 0.49/22 9...Nd7xc5 -0.47 10.Kh1 a5 11.Nb3 Be7 12.Qe2 a4 13.Be3 Qc7 *(13...Qb4?* 6.65/21 13...Qb6-c7 0.51 *14.a3)* 14.Nbd4]
10.Kh1 Nxd3 11.cxd3 Bd7
[11...a5]
12.Nb3 a5
[12...Nb4!?]
13.Qe2 Rd8 0.65/20
[13...a4?? 14.Be3-+ Qb5 15.Nbd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Qa6 17.Rac1]
[13...Nb4= 0.01/22]
14.Be3± d4 0.92/22
[14...Qa6+- 1.01/19 14...Qb6-b5 0.59 15.Rac1 0.01/20 Is also slightly better for white. *(15.Nc5±* 1.01/19 *Qa8 16.a3)*]
[14...Qb5!± 0.46/22]
15.Bf2 0.56/21
[15.Nbxd4 0.20/22 15.Nf3xd4 0.82 Nxd4! 16.Nxd4 -0.01/22 *(16.Bxd4 Qa6; 16.Bxd4±* 0.45/23 *Bc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Rfc1)* 16...Bc5= 17.Nc2! Bb5+- 18.Rad1+- 0-0]
[15.Nbxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5±]
[15.Nfxd4± 0.92/22 Nxd4 16.Bxd4]
15...a4
[15...Be7 Such an incorrect way to propose a draw after ♘bd2 for example ♗e6, wouldn't work here as now White is ready to take the bishop: 16.Nbxd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Bc5 18.Nb3 Bxf2 19.Qxf2]
16.Nbd2
[16.Bxd4 Qb5 17.Nbd2 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxb2=]
[16.Nbxd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Qa6±]
16...Be7!

[16...Qxb2? 2.94/22 16...Bf8-e7 0.71 17.Rfb1
A) 17...Qa3 18.Ne4 Be7 19.Bxd4? -0.19/22 *(White should try 19.Ne1+- 4.37/21)*;
B) 17...Qc3? 5.70/22 17...Qb2-a3 2.84 18.Ne4∞;
C) 17...Qc2 18.Ne1 Qc5 19.Ne4 Qa7∞ 20.Nf6+ Ke7 21.Bh4]

17.Ne4! 0-0 18.Bh4!? -0.01/20 White is more active. Now Black is already in trouble so there is almost nothing to do.

[18.a3+-
A) 18...Rc8!?
A1) 19.Rad1 Rfd8 20.Rd2+- 0.41/21 *(20.h3± 0.87/20)*;
A2) 19.Rac1
A2a) 19...Rfd8± 20.Rc2 Na5 21.Rfc1 -0.01/21 *(21.Rxc8± 1.11/22 Rxc8 22.Bxd4)*;
A2b) ⌓19...Rfd8 0.82/20;
A2c) 19...Rfe8 1.41/21 20.Bh4;
B) 18...Na5 19.Bh4 Bxh4 20.Nxh4 Bc6± 2.63/19 *(20...Nb3± 0.54/19)* 21.Nf6+!?+- Kg7!?≅ 22.f5≅]

[18.Nfg5!? -0.01/20 18.a2-a3 0.94 h6 0.65/22 *(*Better is *18...Nb4*= -0.01/20 *)* 19.Nf3!?± Kg7]

[18.Rac1± 0.94/21]

18...Bxh4= 19.Nxh4 Excellent horsemanship. **19...Ne7 20.Nf6+! Kg7**

[20...Kh8 simplifies 21.Rac1 Ng8 22.Nxd7 Rxd7 23.Rc4 Ra8]

21.Rf3!? -0.32/21

[21.Qg4= 0.11/21]

21...Bc6

[21...Ng8 simplifies 22.Nxd7 Rxd7 23.g4 Rd5]

22.Rh3 Threatening mate with Nh4-f5+!

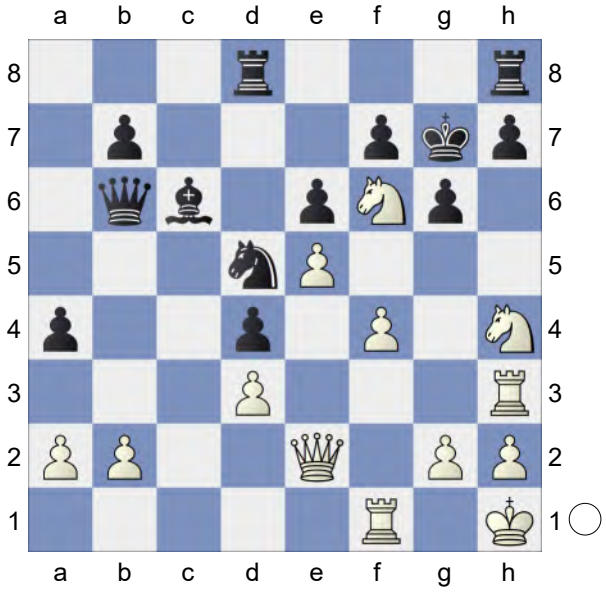
22...Rh8 23.Rf1

[23.Rg3 simplifies Kf8 24.h3 Nd5 25.Kh2]

23...Nd5? 3.74/23

[23...h6 24.Rg3]

[23...Bd5= -0.01/20 and Black stays safe.]



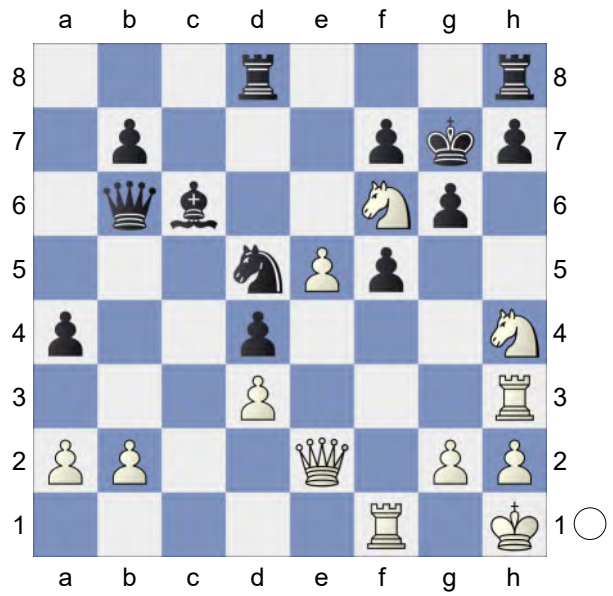
Black cannot hold the game after this.

24.f5!+- Deflection **24...exf5**

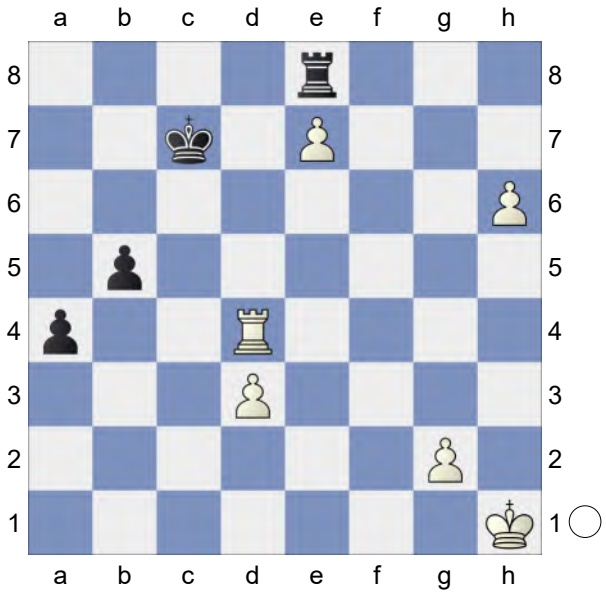
[24...Ne3+-
A) 25.Rxe3? -0.01/20 25.Nf6-h5+ 3.15 dxe3 26.fxe6? -1.89/18 *(26.Nh5+= 0.01/25* and White is okay. *Kh6 27.Nf4)* 26...fxe6-+ 27.Nh5+ gxh5? 0.01/20 *(27...Kh6-+ -1.72/24 28.Nf6 Qc5)* 28.Qxh5= Rhf8 29.Qg5+! Kh8 30.Ng6+;
B) 25.Nh5+!?± was enough to get a tremendous attack! 25...gxh5 *(25...Kf8 26.fxg6; 25...Kg8 26.fxe6; 25...Kh6?* 9.63/20 25...Kg7-g8 3.39 *26.fxg6)* 26.fxe6 Nxf1 27.Qxf1]

(Diagram)

25.Nxf5+ gxf5 26.Qh5! h6 White must

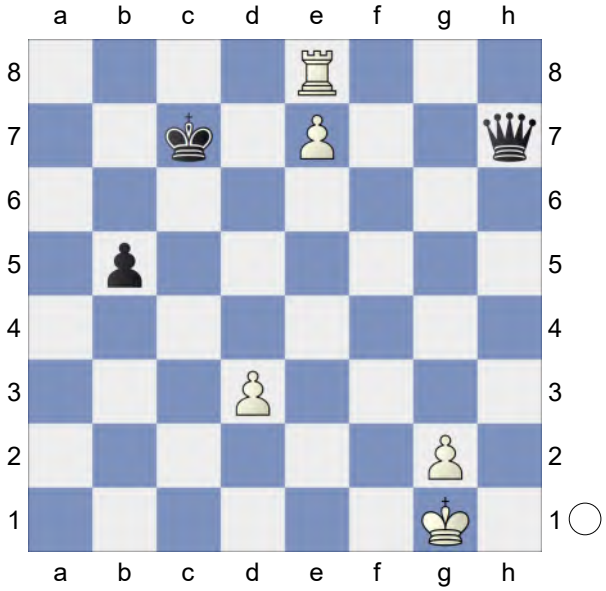


now prevent ...Nd5-e3.
[26...Nxf6 #9/20 26...Kg7-f8 4.94 27.Qh6++- Kg8 28.exf6!]
[26...Kf8 27.Qh6+ Ke7 28.Nxd5+ Rxd5 29.Qf6++- Kd7 30.Qxh8]
[26...Qxb2 27.Qh6#]
27.Qxf5 Nf6-h5+ would kill now. **27...Qc7 28.Nxd5 Bxd5 29.Qf6+** Deflection **29...Kf8**
[29...Kg8 30.Rg3+! Kf8 31.Qxh8+]
30.Qxh8+ Ke7 31.Qf6+ Kd7 32.Qxf7+ Bxf7 33.Rxf7+ Kc8 34.Rxc7+ Kxc7 35.Rxh6 Endgame. KR-KR **35...Rd5 36.Rh4!? Rb5 37.Rxd4! Rxb2 38.h4**
[38.g4 Rxa2 39.g5 And now g5-g6 would win. b5 aiming for ...a4-a3. 40.g6]
[38.Rxa4? Rb1#]
[38.Rc4+ Kd7 39.h4 *(39.Rxa4? Rb1#)* 39...b5+-]
38...Rxa2 39.h5 b5 40.h6 with mate in the next move. **40...a3?** 7.45/28
[40...Rf2+- Strongly threatening ...a4-a3. 41.e6 *(41.h7?* 0.56/25 41.e5-e6 2.60 *Rf8±)*
A) 41...Rf6+- 6.28/23 41...Rf2-f8 2.01 42.Rh4? 2.38/22 *(42.Rd7+* 6.28/23 *Kb6 43.Rd6+ Ka7 44.e7 Rxd6 45.e8Q Rxh6+ 46.Kg1)* 42...a3? 13.76/25 *(42...Rf8* 2.38/22 *43.e7 Rh8)* 43.e7+- Kd7 44.h7 a2 45.e8Q+;
B) 41...Rf8
B1) 42.Rd7+? 0.01/24 42.e6-e7 2.49 Kb6 43.Rf7 *(43.e7!? Re8□ 44.Rd8 Rxe7 45.Rb8+ Ka6 46.g4=)* 43...Rh8 *(43...Re8!? 44.g4□ b4=)*;
B2) 42.e7 Re8 *(42...Rh8+-* 14.69/26 42...Rf8-e8 1.94 *43.Rd8)*



43.h7? -0.01/25 *(43.Rb4!+-* 2.46/23 *Rh8 44.Re4)* 43...a3!= ...a3-a2! would now be deadly. 44.Rd8 a2+- 45.Rxe8 This would lose by force.
(45.Kh2!? a1Q□ 46.Rxe8 Qe5+ 47.Kg1 Qe3+ 48.Kh1 Qh6+ 49.Kg1 Qe3+ 50.Kh1 Qe1+ 51.Kh2 Qh4+ 52.Kg1 Qe1+ 53.Kh2 Qe5+ 54.Kg1 Qc5+ 55.Kf1 Qc1+ 56.Ke2 Qc2+ 57.Ke3 Qc5+ 58.Kd2 Qg5+ 59.Kc2 Qxg2+ 60.Kb3 Qd5+ 61.Kb2 Qe5+ 62.Kc2 Qc5+ 63.Kb3 Qd5+ 64.Kb2

Qd4+ 65.Ka2 Qa4+ 66.Kb2
Qd4+ 67.Ka2 Qa4+ 68.Kb2
Qd4+=) 45...a1Q+ 46.Kh2
Qe5+! 47.Kg1 Qe1+ 48.Kh2
Qh4+ 49.Kg1 Qxh7? 7.82/26
(49...Qe1+= -0.01/34 *50.Kh2*
Qe5+ 51.Kg1 Qc5+ 52.Kf1
Qc1+ 53.Kf2 Qd2+ 54.Kg1
Qe1+)



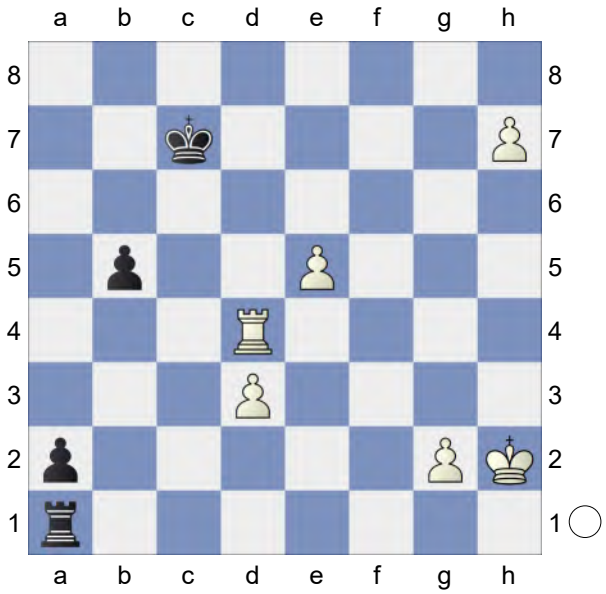
50.Rc8+ 3.51/26 *(⌓50.Ra8!!*
7.82/26 *Qxd3 51.e8Q Qd4+*
52.Kf1 Qf4+ 53.Ke2 Qg4+
54.Ke3 Qg5+ 55.Kf3 Qf6+
56.Kg4 Qd4+ 57.Kh3 Qd3+
58.Kh4 Qh7+ 59.Kg4 Qg7+
60.Kf5)]
[40...Rf2 2.31/26]
41.h7 White is clearly winning. **41...Ra1+**
42.Kh2 a2

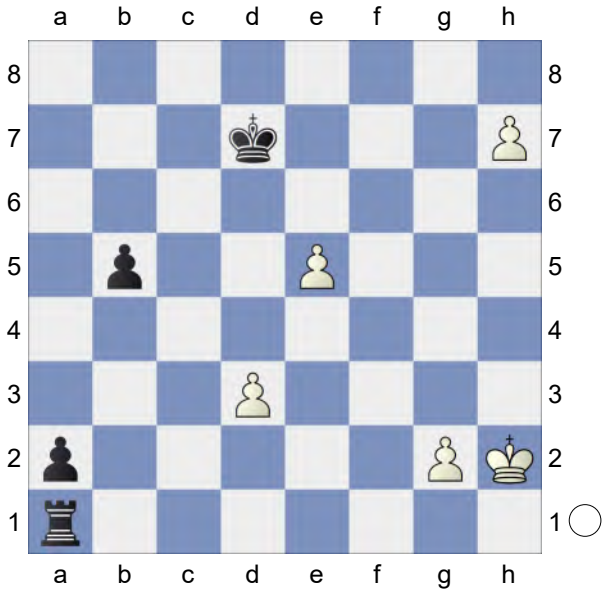
(Diagram)

43.Rd7+!! Decoy, Promotion **43...Kxd7**

(Diagram)

44.e6+! Ke7
[44...Kxe6 45.h8Q]





45.h8Q
[45.h8R is a self mate. Rh1+
(45...Kxe6? 46.Rh6+ Kd5 47.Rh5+
Kc6 48.Rh6+ Kc5 49.Ra6-+)
46.Kxh1 a1Q+ *(46...a1B?*
too greedy. *47.Rb8+-)* 47.Kh2 Qxh8+
48.Kg3 b4 *(48...Kxe6* gets mated.
49.Kf3 b4 50.Kf2 b3 51.Ke3 b2
52.d4 b1Q 53.d5+ Kxd5 54.Kf3
Qf1+ Deflection *55.Kg4 Qxg2+*
56.Kf5 Qf8#) 49.Kf4 b3 *(49...Kxe6*
50.Kf3 b3 51.Ke4 b2 52.d4 b1Q+
53.Ke3 Qg1+ 54.Kf3 Qh5+ 55.Kf4

Qxd4+ 56.Kg3 Qdh4#) 50.d4 Qxd4+ *(50...Kxe6 51.Ke3 b2 52.Ke4 Qh4+ 53.Ke3 b1Q 54.d5+ Kxd5 55.Ke2 Qhe4+ 56.Kf2 Qbe1#)* 51.Kg5 b2 *(51...Kxe6 52.g4 b2 53.Kh4 b1Q 54.Kh5 Qh7+ 55.Kg5 Qf6#)* 52.Kf5 b1Q+ *(52...b1B+ 53.Kg5 Kxe6 54.g4 Qf6+ 55.Kh5 Bg6+ 56.Kh6 Kf7 57.g5 Qh8#)* 53.Kg5 Qf6+ *(53...Kxe6? 54.Kh6 Qh8+ 55.Kg5 Qf5#)* 54.Kg4 Qe4+ 55.Kh5 Qfh4#]

45...Rf1 46.Qg7+!? Kxe6 47.Qg8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.45

1-0

C06

□ **Rublevsky,Sergei** **2702**
■ **Volkov,Sergey1** **2594**
16th TCh-RUS Premier (7) 10.04.2009
[Wei Ming,Kitty Kat]

I've seen some comments on the forum that are of the notion that 9.Nf4 is practically a forced draw which is why 3...Nf6 teeters between dry equality and +=. Since ChessPub's last coverage, a couple of important theoretical games were played. Let's try and see if 9.Nf4 is really a forced draw. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'I've seen some comments on the forum that are of the notion that 9.Nf4 is practically a forced draw which is why 3...Nf6 teeters between dry equality and +=. Since ChessPub's last coverage, a couple of important theoretical games were played. Let's try and see if 9.Nf4 is really a forced draw.' **1.e4** Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky,Sergei' **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Bd3 c5 5.e5 Nfd7 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.Nf4!?** This normally leads to wild complications. **9...Nxd4** This dynamic exchange sac has always been thought to be forced but good but I've changed my opinion after this game (although I hope I'm wrong!). Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'This dynamic exchange sac has always been thought to be forced but good but I've changed my opinion after this game (although I hope I'm wrong!).' **10.Qh5+ Ke7 11.exf6+**

[Moskalenko rightly pointed out that 11.Ng6+?! is an inaccurate move order due to Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'is an inaccurate move order due to' hxg6 12.exf6+ Kxf6! 13.Qxh8 Kf7 and in contrast to the game, the Queen would have to retreat to the less effective h3 square instead of h4. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'and in contrast to the game, the Queen would have to retreat to the less effective h3 square instead of h4.']

11...Nxf6 12.Ng6+ hxg6 13.Qxh8 Kf7 14.Qh4

[14.0-0 This has recently been favoured by Ni Hua and was analyzed in Ni Hua - Rodriguez in the next game. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'This has recently been favoured by Ni Hua and was analyzed in Ni Hua - Rodriguez in the next game.']

14...e5 This is the critical position of the entire variation starting with 9.Nf4 in the Tarrasch. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'This is the critical position of the entire variation starting with 9.Nf4 in the Tarrasch.' **15.Nf3** This is the main move, getting rid of the giant d4 knight at the expense of White's pawn structure. Alternatives are just bad. For example, Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'This is the main move, getting rid of the giant d4 knight at the expense of White's pawn structure.

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[15.Nb3 Nxb3 16.axb3 e4 17.Be2 Bb4+ 18.Kf1 Be6∓ Black is definitely better here despite the material imbalance. His pieces are fully developed while White's position is in complete disarray. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'Black is definitely better here despite the material imbalance. His pieces are fully developed while White's position is in complete disarray.']

[15.0-0 will be met with the strangely devastating Be7! when White's queen is suddenly lacking of safe squares. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'when White's queen is suddenly lacking of safe squares.']

15...Nxf3+ 16.gxf3 Bf5 17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.Bg5 Qa5+

[18...Rc8!? is an interesting suggestion by my friend Junior Tay. A search on my database revealed that this was played by the great Alexander Morozevich way back in 2000 (and he lost the game). Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'is an interesting suggestion by my friend Junior Tay. A search on my database revealed that this was played by the great Alexander Morozevich way back in 2000 (and he lost the game).' 19.0-0 Rc4 20.Qh3 Qd7 21.Rad1 *(21.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 22.Rxc1 d4⩱)* 21...Qe6 22.Rfe1 Nd7 was complex but I think ok for Black in Timman - Morozevich, Wijk Aan Zee 2000. The question is whether the compensation is enough for Black to hold the position. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'was complex but I think ok for Black in Timman - Morozevich, Wijk Aan Zee 2000. The question is whether the compensation is enough for Black to hold the position.']

19.Kf1 g6!? Making use of some tactics. So far, we have been following Ni Hua - Wang Hao (Archives) which has been the model game in this line for some time. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'Making use of some tactics. So far, we have been following Ni Hua - Wang Hao (Archives) which has been the model game in this line for some time.'

[Perhaps, Black should consider analyzing the move 19...Be7!? in greater detail. 20.Kg2 d4 with a complicated game ahead.]

20.Qh8!? This seems to be the latest try in this fashionable line. This seems to be the latest try in this fashionable line. Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky,Sergei: '[Yandemirov,V]'' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'The great double edged line in French Defence is played quite often. For the sacrificed exchange Black gets strong central pawns and promising compensation in the form of good piece coordination. White's chances are tied to a transition to the rook versus bishop ending and the exploitation of the open c-file.'

[Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'The immediate exchange on f6 simplifies the defender's task. With the help of bishop support the d-pawn can hope to become quite strong.' 20.Bxf6 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky,Sergei: 'Ü 85/255'' Qa6+ 21.Kg2 Qxf6 22.Qa4 *(22.Qxf6+ Kxf6 23.Rac1 Bd6 24.Rhd1 Ke6 25.Rc3 g5 26.Rdc1 Kd7 27.Rb3 b6 28.Rd3 d4∓* 0-1 Van der Wiel,J (2555)-Timman,J (2645)/Brussels 1986 (55)*)* 22...Qc6 23.Qb3 Ni Hua - Wang Hao

A) 23...Bh6

A1) 24.Rad1 Rd8 25.Rd3 Kf6

26.Rc3 Qd7 27.Qc2 d4 28.Rc7 Qd5 29.Rd1 *(29.Rh7 Bg7 30.h4 Qg8 31.Qc7 Re8 32.Rc1 Qxh7 33.Qd6+* ½-½ Miroshnichenko,E (2528)-Firman,N (2485)/Alushta 2002 (36) *)* 29...Bf4 30.Rc8 Rxc8 31.Qxc8 Kg7 32.Qc7+ Kh6 33.Qb8 Kg7 34.Qxa7 d3= 0-1 Ni Hua (2621)-Wang Hao (2622)/Singapore 2006 (43);

A2) 24.Rhd1 Rd8 25.Rd3 Kf6 *(25...Rd6 26.Rad1 Ke6 27.Rc3 Qb6 28.Qa4 Rc6 29.Qh4 Rxc3 30.bxc3 Bg7 31.Qg5 Kf7 32.Rxd5* 1-0 Yandemirov,V (2500)-Vysochin,S (2500)/Minsk 1997 *)* 26.Rc3 Qd7 27.Rc5 b6 28.Rb5 d4 29.a4 Bf8 30.a5 Bc5 31.axb6 axb6 32.Ra6± 1-0 Belov,V (2458)-Kosyrev,V (2558)/St Petersburg 2001 (39) White's advantage is marginal.;

B) 23...Bc5 Black's bishop can find a good spot on h6 as well, but on c5 it is fighting against White's ambition to exploit the c-file. 24.Rhc1 *(24.Rac1 b6 25.Rhe1 Kf6* ½-½ Brodsky,M (2528)-Gleizerov,E (2587)/Port Erin 2001*)* 24...b6 25.Qc2 Qd6 *(25...Qe6!?∓)* 26.a3 a5 27.b4 Bd4 28.Qc7+ Qxc7 29.Rxc7+ Kf6 30.Rac1 Kg5? *(30...axb4! 31.h4 e4 32.f4 Bc3 33.axb4 d4±)* 31.Rc8 Rxc8 32.Rxc8± 1-0 Tissir,M (2463)-Ghane Gardeh, S (2408)/Al Ain 2008 (50)]

20...Qa6+ This appears to be best. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'This appears to be best.' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'With this check Black is saving a tempo for the mobilization of his forces. Otherwise White can hope to force the desired endgame of rook against bishop.'

[20...Nd7 was played in another recent game but I get the impression that White got the better of it: Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'was played in another recent game but I get the impression that White got the better of it:' 21.h4! *(21.Rc1 Re8 22.Qh7+ Bg7 23.Bh6 Rg8 24.Bxg7 Rxg7 25.Qh4 Nc5 26.b4 Qb5+ 27.Kg2 Ne6 28.Rhe1 d4=* 0-1 Schneider,V (2238)-Khantuev,A (2333)/Budapest 2007 (44) *)* 21...Re8 *(21...Qa6+ 22.Kg2 Re8 23.Qh7+ Bg7 24.h5 Nf8 25.hxg6+ Qxg6=)* 22.Qh7+ Bg7 23.Bh6 Rg8 24.h5 Qa6+ 25.Ke1 This is most likely still home preparation. Black is definitely under pressure now. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'This is most likely still home preparation. Black is definitely under pressure now.' Nf8 26.hxg6+ Qxg6 27.Qxg6+ Nxg6 28.Bxg7 Rxg7 29.Rc1 *(29.Kd2!?* with the idea *d4 30.Rag1* is worth a thought.*)* 29...Kf6± White had a definite plus in this endgame but it wasn't an easy one to convert at all. After all, Black had an extra pawn and White had a pair of doubled ones to boot. It is certainly beyond my limited endgame capabilities to analyze the rest of this game as confidently as I would like to be. The fact that a 2645 GM couldn't convert this against a much lower rated player is enough to describe the practical difficulties one can face. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'White had a definite plus in this endgame but it wasn't an easy one to convert at all. After all, Black had an extra pawn and White had a pair of doubled ones to boot. It

is certainly beyond my limited endgame capabilities to analyze the rest of this game as confidently as I would like to be. The fact that a 2645 GM couldn't convert this against a much lower rated player is enough to describe the practical difficulties one can face.' 30.Rc8 e4 31.Rd8 This allowed Black to activate his knight and make a nuisance of himself. *(31.Kd2* was probably better. Certainly, White's rooks are very active after a continuation like Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'was probably better. Certainly, White's rooks are very active after a continuation like' *d4 32.fxe4 fxe4 33.Re8 Kf5 34.Rh5+ Kf4 35.Re6)* 31...Nf4 32.Kd2 Ke5 33.Rh4 Nd3! Black eventually scrambled to a draw and I'll give the rest of the game with some light analysis: Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'Black eventually scrambled to a draw and I'll give the rest of the game with some light analysis:' 34.fxe4 dxe4 35.f3 Rg2+ *(35...Nxb2 36.fxe4 Nc4+ 37.Kc3 Nd6±)* 36.Kc3 Rg3 37.Re8+ Kd5 38.fxe4+ fxe4 39.Rh5+ Kc6

A) 40.Kd4! Nxb2 41.Rh7 b6□ *(41...Rg6 42.Rc8+ Kb6 43.Rcc7!+-* the a-pawn will carry the day for White.*)* 42.Rxa7 White retains slight winning chances.;

B) 40.Rh6+ Kb5 41.a3 Nc5+ with Black's queenside pawns intact, the position is more or less drawn. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'with Black's queenside pawns intact, the position is more or less drawn.' 42.Kc2 Rg2+ 43.Kb1 a5 44.Rh5 Kc4 45.b3+ Nxb3 46.Rxe4+ Nd4 47.Rhh4 Rg1+ 48.Kb2 Rg2+ 49.Kc1 Rg1+ 50.Kd2 Rg2+ 51.Ke1 Rg1+ 52.Kf2 Rd1 53.a4 Kc3 54.Re3+ Rd3 55.Rh7 Rxe3 56.Kxe3 Nc2+ 57.Ke4 Kb3 58.Rxb7+ Kxa4 59.Kd3 Na3 60.Kd4 Nb5+ 61.Kc5 Nc3 62.Kc4 Ne4 63.Rd7 Ka3 64.Rd4 Nf6 65.Rf4 Nd7 66.Rf5 a4 67.Kc3 Nb6 68.Rc5 Ka2 69.Kb4 Kb2 70.Rh5 Kc2 71.Rh2+ Kd3 72.Kc5 Nc4 73.Rh4 Ne3 74.Rxa4 Kc3 75.Ra8 Nc4 76.Re8 1/2-1/2 Kobalia, M (2645)-Petrosian, D (2490)/Tbilisi GEO 2009/ Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: '1/2-1/2 Kobalia, M (2645)-Petrosian, D (2490)/Tbilisi GEO 2009/']

[20...Qd8 21.Rc1 Bd6 22.Qh4 *(22.Qxf6+ Qxf6 23.Bxf6 Kxf6 24.Rd1 d4 25.f4 e4 26.Rxd4 Bxf4 27.Rc4 Be5=* 1-0 Muhren,B (2334)-Bitalzadeh,A (2390)/Hengelo 2007 (47) *)* 22...Qh8 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Qh7+ Qg7 25.Qxg7+ Kxg7 26.Rd1 d4 27.f4 e4 28.Rxd4 Bxf4 29.Rd7+ Kf6 30.Rxb7± 1-0 Wang Hao (2619)-Ganguly,S (2571)/Moscow 2007 (43) Black's survival chances are pretty dismal.]

[20...Qb6 21.Rc1 Re8 22.Bxf6 Qxf6 23.Qh7+ Qg7 24.Rc7+ Re7 25.Rxe7+ Kxe7 26.Qh4+ *(26.Qxg7+ Bxg7 27.Rg1 Kf7 28.Ke2±)* 26...g5 27.Qh5 Qh6 28.Qxh6 Bxh6 29.h4 Ke6 ½-½ Wang Hao (2624)-Berg,E (2581)/Taby 2007 (38) 30.h5!?± would have put Black into a difficult position.]

21.Kg2 Re8

[21...Qd6 22.Rac1 Nh5 23.Rc2 Re8 24.Rhc1 e4 25.Rc7+ Ke6 26.Qh7 Ke5 27.Rd7 exf3+ 28.Kxf3 Qb4 29.Rxd5+ Kxd5 30.Qd7+ Bd6

31.Rd1+ Kc4 32.b3+ 1-0 Schneider, M (2115)-Kurmann,O (2331)/ Lenzerheide 2006]

22.Rac1 It is not easy to say which rook is more suited on c1 though results for both moves have been pretty good. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'It is not easy to say which rook is more suited on c1 though results for both moves have been pretty good.'

[22.Rhc1 Be7 23.Qh4 Qd6 24.Rc2 Nh5 25.Rac1 Bxg5 26.Qxg5 Nf4+ 27.Kh1 Ne6 *(27...d4!* would have forced a draw after *28.Rc7+ Ke6 29.Rg7* White has to play this before Black's d-pawn gets too dangerous. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'White has to play this before Black's d-pawn gets too dangerous.' *Qd5! 30.Rxg6+ Nxg6 31.Qxg6+ Kd7 32.Qxf5+ Kd6* when Black should be fine. If anything, White is the one that has to be careful as after Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'when Black should be fine. If anything, White is the one that has to be careful as after' *33.Qf6+?! Qe6! 34.Qg7 Re7 35.Qh8 Qf7!* The position might suddenly offer a little something for Black! *)* 28.Qh6

A) 28...Rg8!? could possibly be the only saving move in the position: Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'could possibly be the only saving move in the position:' 29.Rc8 *(29.h4 d4!* forces a draw: *30.h5 d3 31.Rc8 d2 32.hxg6+ Rxg6 33.Qh7+ Kf6 34.Qh8+ Kf7 35.Qh7+=)*

A1) 29...Rg7 would not be good enough: 30.Qh8 In this variation, Black has to get used to having his privacy invaded with White's major equipment! Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'In this variation, Black has to get used to having his privacy invaded with White's major equipment!' d4 31.Re8! Kf6 *(31...d3? 32.Rxe6+-)* 32.Rg8! Qd7 33.Rcc8 with possibly a winning position. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'with possibly a winning position.';

A2) 29...Rxc8! Black has to find the only path to survive in this treacherous position. 30.Rxc8 Qa6! Again, the only move. Black's e6 knight is a brilliant defender and holds a number of key squares. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'Again, the only move. Black's e6 knight is a brilliant defender and holds a number of key squares.' 31.Kg2 Qe2 32.Qh7+ Kf6 33.Qh4+ *(33.Qxb7 Nf4+ 34.Kg3 Nh5+* forces a draw immediately. *)*

A2a) 33...g5?? is suicidal: 34.Qh8+ Ke7 *(34...Kf7 35.Qh7+ Kf6 36.Re8+-)* 35.Rb8+-;

A2b) 33...Kf7 The position remains uncertain. Both Hiarcs 12 and Rybka 3 gives the evaluation is between = and += but I would imagine a normal human being would find it very difficult to hold this position. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'The position remains uncertain. Both Hiarcs 12 and Rybka 3 gives the evaluation is between = and += but I would imagine a normal human being would find it very difficult to hold this position.';

B) 28...Kf6 was also possible: 29.Rc8! needless to say, White's

options are uncountable here but this forces a transposition to the above note. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'needless to say, White's options are uncountable here but this forces a transposition to the above note.' Rxc8 30.Rxc8 Qa6 31.Qh8+ Kf7 32.Kg2 transposes to note a above.;

C) 28...Nf8?? The only mistake by Black in the whole game but unfortunately for him, this was a big one. Black was too afraid of a queen check on h7 but giving up the c7 square was even more costly. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'The only mistake by Black in the whole game but unfortunately for him, this was a big one. Black was too afraid of a queen check on h7 but giving up the c7 square was even more costly. ' 29.Rc7+ Re7 30.Rc8! Black probably overlooked this little manoeuvre and now, White's activity is too much for him to handle: Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'Black probably overlooked this little manoeuvre and now, White's activity is too much for him to handle:' Rd7 31.Qh8 e4 32.h4 Qe7 33.h5 gxh5 34.Qxh5+ Kf6 35.Qh8+ Kf7 36.Rg1! Ne6 37.f4 Rd8 38.Qh7+ Ke8 39.Rg8+ Kd7 40.Rgxd8+ Nxd8 41.Rc7+! 1-0 Kanovsky, D (2473)-Macak, S (2494)/Rogaska Slatina SLO 2009/ Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: '1-0 Kanovsky, D (2473)-Macak, S (2494)/Rogaska Slatina SLO 2009/ ']

22...Be7 23.Qh6 Qd6 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Volkov has achieved a compact position with fine coordination of his pieces and control of the c7-square. The challenge is not over as White can double the rooks on the c-file. '

[Black can try to grab a pawn with 23...Qxa2 as after all, if Black has to suffer, he might as well snatch as much wood as he can. However, after Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'as after all, if Black has to suffer, he might as well snatch as much wood as he can. However, after' 24.Rc7 Qb3 25.Bxf6 Kxf6 26.h4! I have doubts on Black's chances to survive.]

24.Rc2!N This seems to be a powerful improvement on Yandemirov's 24.Rhd1: Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'This seems to be a powerful improvement on Yandemirov's 24.Rhd1:' This seems to be a powerful improvement on Yandemirov's 24.Rhd1: Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'This seems to be a powerful improvement on Yandemirov's 24. Rhd1:' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky, Sergei: 'N!?"

[24.Rhd1 d4 25.Bxf6 Bxf6 26.Qe3 Re7 27.Qb3+ Qe6 28.Rc4 1-0 Yandemirov, V (2481)-Iljushin, A (2530)/ Ishevsk 2005/CBM 105 ext (51) Here, both the natural Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: '1-0 Yandemirov, V (2481)-Iljushin, A (2530)/ Ishevsk 2005/CBM 105 ext (51) Here, both the natural' a6 or *(28...Rd7* would have been fully satisfactory for Black.*; 28...Bg5 29.Qc2 Qd6 30.Rc5 Bf4 31.h3 Kg7=* 1-0 Yandemirov,V (2481)-Iljushin,A (2530)/Ishevsk 2005 (51) *)*]

24...Bf8 This is apparently best though alternatives are aplenty: Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'This is apparently best though alternatives are aplenty:'

[24...d4 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '?' Ftacnik, Lubomir: 'Rublevsky,Sergei' 25.Rhc1

A) 25...d3 26.Rc7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' ± ' e4 *(⩲26...Qd5 27.Rxe7+! Rxe7 28.Rc8 Re8 29.Bxf6 Rxc8 30.Qg7+ Ke6 31.Qe7# #)* 27.fxe4 fxe4 28.Kg1±;
B) 25...Rd8 26.Rc7 Rd7 27.Rxd7 Qxd7 28.Qh8 d3 29.Bh6 Ke6 30.Qg7 keeps up the pressure on Black's position.]

[24...Bd8!? defends the c7 square. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'defends the c7 square.' 25.Rhc1 d4 26.Rc8 d3 27.Qh4! the threat of Qc4+ maintains the pressure. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'the threat of Qc4+ maintains the pressure.' e4 28.Bxf6 exf3+ 29.Kxf3 d2 30.Bxd8 dxc1Q 31.Rxc1 Qd5+ 32.Kg3 Qd6+ 33.Kg2 Qd5+ 34.Kg1 Qxd8 35.Qxd8 Rxd8 36.Rc7+±]

25.Qh4 Bg7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '?' Ftacnik,Lubomir: '?' '?' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'The real reason behind Black's loss is this natural move. The best solution lay in the knight move to h5 with sufficient counterplay.'

[25...Nh5!? 26.Qa4 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky,Sergei: '!?'' *(26.Rhc1* Rublevsky,Sergei *d4 27.Rc7+ Kg8 28.Rxb7 e4⇄)* 26...Be7 27.Bd2 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky,Sergei: '±" e4=]

26.Rhc1 Re7 In my opinion, it must be an absolute nightmare to handle this position as Black. Especially when White has doubled rooks on the only open file on the board and White's queen's menacing presence on the vulnerable Kingside. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'In my opinion, it must be an absolute nightmare to handle this position as Black. Especially when White has doubled rooks on the only open file on the board and White's queen's menacing presence on the vulnerable Kingside.'

[26...d4 actually loses by force, believe it or not: 27.Bxf6 Bxf6 28.Qh7+ Bg7 29.Rc8! Rxc8 30.Rxc8 Kf6 *(30...d3 31.Qg8+ Kf6 32.Rd8!)* 31.Qh4+ Kf7 32.Qd8! Qxd8 33.Rxd8+- and White will soon win the rest of Black's queenside. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'and White will soon win the rest of Black's queenside.']

[26...Rd8 27.Qa4! wins the a7 pawn as after a6 28.Bxf6 Bxf6 29.Rc7+ wins.]

[26...Nh5 27.Rc7+ Kg8 28.Rxb7 e4 29.Qh3 Bf6 30.Bd2±]

27.Bxf6!

[27.Qa4 d4 *(27...a6 28.Qa5 Rd7 29.Rc7 Ne8 30.Rxd7+ Qxd7 31.Qb6±)* 28.Rc8 Rd7 29.Qxa7 e4 30.Qa3 Qxa3 31.bxa3 Nd5 32.fxe4 fxe4 33.Rd8 Rxd8 34.Bxd8 Ke6 35.Ba5±]

27...Bxf6

[27...Qxf6 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky,Sergei: '?'' 28.Qxf6+ Bxf6 29.Rc7± Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky,Sergei: '+-"]

28.Qh7+ Bg7 29.Rc8?! This was a little slip. Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'The position is quite complex and Rublevsky misses the chance to create serious problems with the advance of his h-pawn.'

[29.h4! Kf6 Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'Here, Rybka came up with a beautiful and unexpected idea' *(29...e4 30.h5!* Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' ± ' Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' ± ' ' ± ' *Qf6 31.f4 gxh5 32.Rc7!; 29...d4 30.h5 Qf6 31.hxg6+ Qxg6+ 32.Qxg6+ Kxg6 33.Rc7±)* Here, Rybka came up with a beautiful and unexpected idea 30.Kh1!! with the idea of Rg1. Black is simply

not able to handle the threats that are flying at him from all directions. For e. g. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'with the idea of Rg1. Black is simply not able to handle the threats that are flying at him from all directions. For e.g.' Bf8 31.Qg8 Bg7 32.Rg1 Qe6 33.Qh7 Qf7 34.Rc8 Rd7 35.h5! g5 *(35...gxh5?? 36.Rg8)* 36.Rgc1 with a terrific attack.]

29...e4

[29...d4

A) 30.Kh1 d3 31.Rg8 Qf6 *(31...Kf6 32.Rg1+-)* 32.Rd8**±**;

B) 30.h4! is similar to the note to White's 29th.]

30.Rg8

[30.h4! still seems to be terribly effective.

A) 30...exf3+ 31.Kh3!! This lovely move clears the g-file for a devastating rook manoeuvre. Qb4 *(31...Qf4 32.Rg1+-)* 32.Rg1+-;

B) 30...Kf6 31.Rg1! This shouldn't come as a surprise anymore. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'This shouldn't come as a surprise anymore.' *(31.h5 gxh5 32.Qxh5 Qf4±)* 31...Qf4 32.Kf1! Qh6 33.Qxh6 Bxh6 34.fxe4 dxe4 35.Ke2**±** Black would have to play like a world champion to defend this precarious position. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'Black would have to play like a world champion to defend this precarious position.']

30...Qf6? Like I said, the position is simply too tough for Black to handle and even a French expert like Volkov was not up to it. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'Like I said, the position is simply too tough for Black to handle and even a French expert like Volkov was not up to it.' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'The defender is trying to combine protection with an attack, but the idea is doomed to fail. Much better was to advance the king to f6 and save the full potential of the queen for counterattack.'

[30...Kf6! puts up great resilience when it is not clear if White has anything better then a draw. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'puts up great resilience when it is not clear if White has anything better then a draw.'

A) 31.Qh4+!? could be a worth a try though I didn't find anything special after Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'could be a worth a try though I didn't find anything special after'

A1) 31...Kf7 Rublevsky,Sergei 32.Rcc8 exf3+ 33.Kh3!? *(33.Kxf3 Qe5 34.Kg2±)* 33...Ke6 34.Qg3 Qxg3+ 35.Kxg3 g5 36.Rce8**±**;

A2) 31...g5 32.Qg3 exf3+ *(32...Qf4±; 32...f4* Rublevsky, Sergei *33.Qg4 e3 34.fxe3 fxe3 35.f4!±)* 33.Qxf3 d4 though White obviously has the better of it. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'though White obviously has the better of it.';

B) 31.fxe4 dxe4 32.Rcc8

B1) 32...Qd3 33.Rgf8+! Kg5 *(33...Bxf8 34.Rxf8+ Ke6 35.Qxg6+ Kd7 36.Qxf5+±)* 34.h4+! Kf4 35.Qxg6 Bxf8 36.Qg5+ Ke5 37.Rxf8 Qf3+ 38.Kg1 Rd7 39.Qf6+! Kd5 40.Qxf5+ Qxf5 41.Rxf5+ Ke6 42.Rb5**±**;

B2) 32...e3! 33.Rcf8+! Bxf8 34.Rxg6+ Ke5 35.Qh8+ Bg7 36.Rxg7 Qd5+ 37.Kh3 Rxg7 38.Qxg7+ Ke6 39.Qg8+ Ke5=]

[30...exf3+ 31.Kxf3 Qf6]

31.Rcc8?! This turned out well in the end but Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky is tragically attracted to the c8 -square, which makes him blind to the decisive pawn advance.'

[31.f4! cutting out any ideas with ... .Qg5+ and ...fe3 is close to winning. For e.g Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'cutting out any ideas with ... .Qg5+ and ...fe3 is close to winning. For e.g'

A) 31...e3 Rublevsky,Sergei 32.Rcc8 Ke6 *(32...e2 33.Rgf8+ Ke6 34.Qg8+ Kd6 35.Rxf6+ Bxf6 36.Rd8++-)* 33.Rge8 Kd7 34.Rcd8+ Kc7 *(34...Kc6 35.Rxe7 Qxe7 36.Qxg6++-)* 35.Rxe7+ Qxe7 36.Rg8+-;

B) 31...Ke6 32.Rcc8 Qf7 *(32...d4 33.Rce8 Rxe8 34.Rxe8+ Kd5 35.Rg8+-)* 33.Rce8! *(33.Rcd8* Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky,Sergei: '±!' Rublevsky,Sergei: ' → " *Bxb2 34.Qh3 Bf6 35.Qe3+-)* 33...Bf6 *(33...Rxe8?? 34.Rxg7)* 34.Qxf7+ Kxf7 35.Ref8+ Ke6 36.Rxg6 Rf7 37.Rxf7 Kxf7 38.Rg3!+-]

31...exf3+? This loses any form of counterplay that Black can hope for. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'This loses any form of counterplay that Black can hope for.' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'The final mistake in the sequence will be costly for Black, he could have rectified his mistake by relocating queen and king.'

[31...Qg5+! was better. Check out the following analysis: Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'was better. Check out the following analysis:' 32.Kf1 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky,Sergei: '!?" *(32.Kh1* Rublevsky,Sergei *Kf6 33.fxe4 Qg4! 34.e5+ Kxe5 35.Rc3 Kd4! 36.Rg3 Re1+ 37.Kg2 Qe4+ 38.Kh3 Be5 39.R8xg6 Bxg3 40.Rxg3 f4 41.Qc7 Qf5+ 42.Kg2 Qe4+ 43.Kh3=)* 32...Kf6 Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' ± ' Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' ± ' ' ± ' 33.fxe4 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky,Sergei' *(33.Rxg7* was not enough, unfortunately: *Rxg7 34.Rf8+ Ke6 35.Qxg7 Qc1+* forces a perpetual*; 33.h4* Rublevsky,Sergei *Qd2 34.Rxg7 Qd1+ 35.Kg2 Qxf3+ 36.Kg1 Qg4+ 37.Kh2 Qf4+=)* 33...dxe4 *(33...Qg4? 34.e5+! Kxe5 35.h3! Qd1+ 36.Kg2 Qh5 37.Qxh5 gxh5 38.Rce8+-; 33...fxe4 34.Qh3 d4 35.Qg3±)* 34.Qh3! *(34.Rgd8 Qf4 35.Qh3 e3 36.Qg3±)* 34...e3! Black must prevent the terrible threat of Qc3+. 35.Qg3 e2+ 36.Ke1 Qd2+! Bringing White's King out into the open will give Black some counterchances. 37.Kxd2 e1Q+ 38.Kc2 Re2+ 39.Kb3 Qd1+ 40.Ka3 with a fascinating position but White is still alive and should keep an edge. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'with a fascinating position but White is still alive and should keep an edge.']

32.Kxf3 White's threat of Rf8+ is devastating in itself and Black's position soon collapsed. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'White's threat of Rf8+ is devastating in itself and Black's position soon collapsed. ' White's threat of Rf8+ is devastating in itself and Black's position soon collapsed. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'White's threat of Rf8+ is devastating in itself and Black's position soon collapsed.' Ftacnik, Lubomir: '±' **32...Qd4**

[32...Ke6 33.Rce8 Rxe8 34.Rxe8+ Kd6 35.h4! and Black is in zugzwang! and Black is in zugzwang! Ftacnik, Lubomir: '+-' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky,Sergei' *(35.Qg8 Qd4*

36.Re6+ Kc5 37.Qc8++-)]

33.Rcf8+ Ke6 34.Qxg6+ Bf6

[34...Kd7? 35.Rd8+ Kc7 36.Rc8+ Kd7 37.Rgd8#]

35.h3! Creating an escape route to h2 and thus preventing perpetual check, this wonderfully quiet move clinches the game. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'Creating an escape route to h2 and thus preventing perpetual check, this wonderfully quiet move clinches the game.' Creating an escape route to h2 and thus preventing perpetual check, this wonderfully quiet move clinches the game. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'Creating an escape route to h2 and thus preventing perpetual check, this wonderfully quiet move clinches the game.' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky, Sergei: '!" Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'The white king will now hide away from Black's checks and the insecure position of Volkov's king will decide.'

[35.Kg3? Rublevsky,Sergei Qh4+ 36.Kg2 Qe4+=]

35...Qe4+ 36.Kg3 Qe5+

[36...f4+ Rublevsky,Sergei 37.Kh2+-]

37.Kg2 Qe4+ 38.Kh2 Qe5+ 39.Qg3 Qxb2

[39...f4? 40.Qg4+ Kd6 41.Rxf6+ Qxf6 42.Rg6+-]

[39...Qxg3+ 40.fxg3 *(40.Kxg3* Rublevsky,Sergei *Bxb2 41.Re8+-)* 40...Bxb2 41.Re8+-]

40.Rg6 Rf7 41.Re8+ Ftacnik,Lubomir: '?' Ftacnik,Lubomir: '?' '?' Ftacnik, Lubomir: 'Rublevsky,Sergei: '?!" Ftacnik, Lubomir: 'Nearly certainly a consequence of time trouble, as without stress both players would have recognized the logical final touch of the game in the check on e3.'

[41.Qe3+ wins immediately but there are other ways to Rome. Ftacnik, Lubomir: '!' wins immediately but there are other ways to Rome. Ftacnik, Lubomir: '!' '!' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Rublevsky,Sergei: '+-'' Qe5+ 42.Qxe5+ Kxe5 43.Rxf7+-]

41...Kd7

[41...Re7 42.Rxe7+ Kxe7 43.Qc7+ Ke6 44.Kg2 Qe5 45.Qxe5+ Kxe5 46.f4+ Ke6 47.h4 b5 48.h5+-]

42.Qe3

[42.Re3! Qxa2 43.Rc3+-]

42...Be7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'The defender has little chance of survival in this sort of position. It was time to complicate White's task with the exchange of queens.'

[42...Qb6! 43.Qxb6 axb6 44.Re1±]

43.Ra8 Bd6+

[43...Rf6 44.Rxf6 Qxf6 45.Rxa7±]

44.Kg2 Re7 45.Qd3 Qe5

[45...Re5 46.Rg7+ Be7 47.Rxa7+-]

46.Qb5+ Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'White is now winning by force, the game is over.'

46...Kc7 47.Qa5+ b6

[47...Kd7 48.Rd8+ Kc6 49.Rc8+ Kd7 50.Qd8#]

48.Qxa7+ Kc6 49.Rc8+ Kb5 50.a4+ Kb4 51.Qxb6+ I think this is a very convincing display by Rublevsky that could very well be the last word in this variation. Black had absolutely zero winning chances and as I've analyzed in the notes, has to find some incredible resources just to save the game. Every Grandmaster should pick up this variation with White simply because it is risk-free and offers excellent good chances for White. So, is 3...Nf6 refuted by this variation? I really hope I am wrong in my conclusion but I urge anyone who knows a solution to email me immediately. Otherwise, I will

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1-0

C07
□ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2576**
■ **Gordievsky,Dmitry** **2523**
RUS-ch Higher League 69th (7) 29.06.16
[Mekhitarian,Kitty Kat]

1.e4 Mekhitarian,K **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4!?** A move repeatedly played in recent games by the Polish GM Mateusz Bartel, with remarkable success. The main idea behind it is to wait and see how Black is going to develop, and then choose what to do as White. **6...Qd6 7.0-0!? Nf6 8.Nb3** The positional approach. **8...Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Be7 11.c3 0-0 12.Qf3 Qc7 13.Bb3** Normally these kind of positions are balanced, White has a nice control of the d5-square, but Black has the bishop pair and prospects to play ...f5. I think the main question is whether White can activate his b3-knight properly and be ready to fight against ...f5. I would slightly prefer White here. **13...a5 14.a4**
[14.Bg5]
14...Bd7 15.Bg5 Nd5 I like this concept, which is something I use a lot in my games - whenever my opponent has a bishop that I don't have anymore, I'm happy to place all my pieces on the opposite color (all white pieces are on light squares now!) and ideally many of my pawns on dark squares to limit that bishop, which is not that easy to do here (the chain b2-c3 is doing a good job, but g3-f4 is not easy to play and also risky).
16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Rfe1 Rad8
[17...Bc6 18.Qe3 Nf5∞ 1-0 (58) Bartel,M (2625)-Wojtaszek,R (2713) Poznan 2016 19.Nxf5 exf5]
18.Rad1 It is always important to reroute this knight back into the game (normally to f1-e3 or c4).
[18.Qh5 Ng6 19.Bc2 Bc6 20.Nxc6± bxc6? 21.Rad1+- c5 22.Bxg6 hxg6 23.Qh4 Qb6 24.Rxd8 Rxd8]
18...Qb6 19.Qe3 Ng6 20.g3 White's positional idea is to play ♘dc4-♘b6-♘d5. Meanwhile Black has to play ...f5, and White is ready to play exf5 and try to create some weaknesses on Black's camp. **20...Rfe8** Threatening the very strong ...d5! **21.h4! h6**
[21...e5 22.Nb5 Qxe3! followed by c5, was very strong right away. For example 23.fxe3 Bxb5 with the

positional threat of c6, putting the b8-knight out of play forever. 24.axb5]

22.Bc2

[22.Nb5↑ followed by O-O-O and ♗xf4, again reaching a position from the English Attack of the Najdorf. Qxe3 23.Rxe3 Bxb5 24.axb5 Kf8 25.h5 Ne7 26.Red3!? Rxd3?! 27.Rxd3 Nc8 28.Rd7! White can also play positionally on the queenside. Re7 29.Rd8+ Re8]

22...Qxb2 23.Rb1?! Giving Black real attacking chances on the kingside.

23...Qa2!? Preparing ... ♘g6. **24.Rxb7 Nf8**

[24...Bxa4 is very pleasant for White: 25.Bxg6 *(25.Bb1 Qc4→* 1-0 (45) Piorun,K (2681)-Shevchenko,K (2438) Katowice 2016 *26.Nf3!? f5)* 25...fxg6± followed by ♕b4 with pressure on d6. And positionally White has a great position, because the central squares are blockaded (e4, d5), meanwhile Black's bishop on h6 is not doing much since we can always place all our pieces on light squares (♖d3, ♖fd1, etc).

A) 26.Nxe6 Rd7 Playing some sort of an English Attack, but with the bishop on g5. 27.Qf3 *(27.Ng5 Rf7)* 27...Qd2 28.Re2 Qd1+ 29.Kg2 Rxb7 30.Qxb7 Qd7;

B) 26.Qe5? would be a big positional mistake, allowing Black to take on d5 forcing a recapture with the pawn and thus letting him create a pawn majority on the kingside. For example: 26...Rd7 27.Reb1 Qd5∓ followed by f5, with a comfortable advantage. 28.Qxd5!? exd5 29.R7b6]

25.Bb3 Qa3 Good timing to sacrifice the piece. **26.Qf4!**

[26.Qe5! Rc8 27.Qxa5 Qb2 28.Re3± with the much better endgame, already with four pawns for the piece, and e4 is weak. Ra8? 29.Qb4+- and the black pawns collapse Qa1+ 30.Kg2 Bxa4]

26...Rc8 27.Re3 Re7

[27...Qc1+→ and Black's attack is building up to be scary. 28.Kh2! Going all-in on the queenside and in the center is always an option when the position is open like this. White is threatening ♘f3 to take on d6. For example: Qf1 *(28...Rxc3 29.Ne2* Threatening ... ♘h4. *Rxb3! 30.Rxd7)* 29.Rf3 Re7]

28.Kh2⩲ Now White has three pawns for the piece, and Black's king feels unsafe. The position remains very complex.

28...e5

[28...Be8 29.Nb5 *(29.Rxe7! Qxe7 30.Nf5 Qf6 31.Nd6∞* with a complex endgame, but Black is not worse *Qxf4 32.gxf4 Rb8)* 29...Qxb3 30.Rxe7 Ng6 31.Rxe8+→ *(31.Rc7 Nxf4 32.Rxc8 Nd5 33.Rxe8+ Kh7)* 31...Rxe8 32.Qd4 Threatening h4. Qa2 33.Kg2 Ne7]

29.Rxe5 Threatening to take either on a5 or h5. **29...Ng6!**

[29...Rxe5 30.Qxf7+ Kh7 31.h5]

30.Rxe7 Nxf4

[30...Qxe7 with the same idea mentioned in the 23th move 31.Qxf7+ Qxf7 The knight looks awkard here. 32.Bxf7+ Kxf7 33.Rxd7+]

31.Rexd7 Kh8 32.gxf4

[32.Rxf7 Nh5 33.Nf5! Rxc3 34.Bd5!!-+ taking advantage of the back rank weakness. Rc2 *(34...Rc8 35.Ne7↑ Rd8!?↑ 36.Rd7* was dangerous: *Re8 37.Ng6+ Kh7↑ 38.Nf4!?* with the idea of f4 *-)* 35.Rb8+

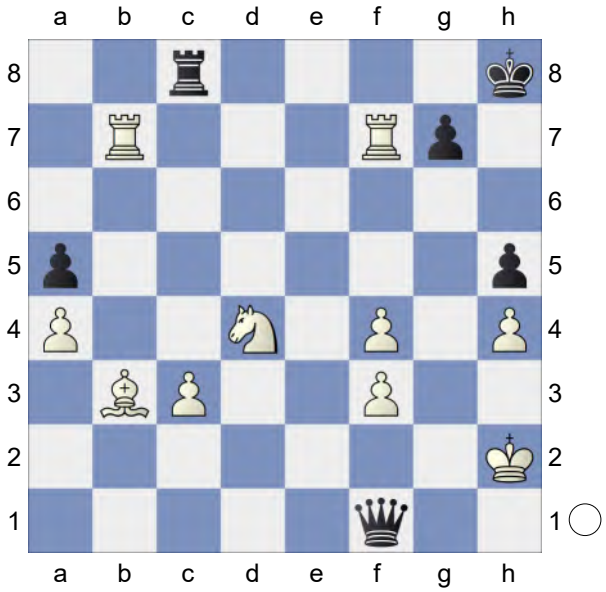
Kh7 36.Be4!? Rxf2+ 37.Kg1]

32...Qb2? 8.48/26

[32...Qc1 33.Rxf7 Qf1 34.f3

A) 34...Qf2+ 35.Kh3 Qf1+∓ 7.71/28 and who knows what's going on in this crazy endgame? Black has to be better, but it is far from simple. *(⌓35...h5 4.07/27 36.f5 Qf1+ 37.Kg3 Qg1+ 38.Kf4 Qc1+ 39.Ke5 Qe1+ 40.Kd6 Qxc3)* 36.Kg4;

B) 34...h5



35.f5!= Black must now prevent Bb3-e6. should be a draw. Qf2+! 36.Kh3 Qf1+ 37.Kg3 And now Bb3-e6 would win. Qg1+ 38.Kf4 Qc1+! 39.Ke4 Qe1+! A nearly impossible idea to see during the game. 40.Kd5 aiming for f5-f6. Qxc3! ...Rc8-c5+ is the strong threat. 41.Rfd7]

[32...Qc1 3.37/30 33.Rxf7 *(33.Bxf7 Qxf4+ 34.Kh1 Qxf2=)* 33...Qf1]

33.Kg2+-

[Stronger than 33.Bxf7 Qxf2+ 34.Kh1 *(34.Kh3? Rxc3+ 35.Kg4 Qg2+ 36.Kf5 Rc5+-+)* 34...Qxh4+ 35.Kg2 Qg4+ 36.Kh1 Qh3+ 37.Kg1 Qg3+ 38.Kh1 Qxf4=]

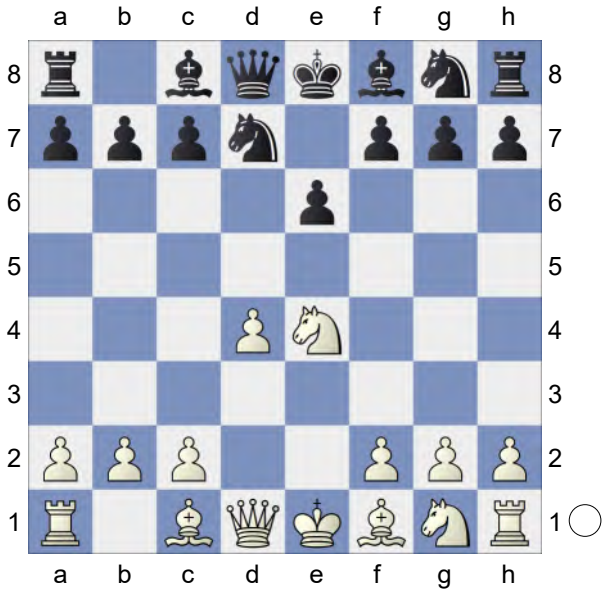
33...Qxc3?? I can only think that Black forgot for a second that the g6-knight is pinned, thinking he would be able to play ... ♘xh4+ after 34.gxf4. **34.Bxf7** A painful way to lose a game, but there's nothing left to do now. **34...Qd3 35.Nf3 Qe4 36.Kg3** and Black wins, this was probably what he analysed when choosing 33... ♖f4??. **36...Qxa4 37.Ne5 Qa1 38.Kg2 a4 39.Bg6 1-0**

C10

□ **Emms,John M**	**2474**
■ **Gormally,Daniel**	**2466**
(ch) Great Britain	2022
[Gormally,Kitty Kat]	

The Final Throes It was left to the dependable John Emms, a rock of a player, to put the final knife into my ailing tournament. Disaster struck on the morning of the game when the battery on my mouse died, which meant I was unable to use the computer to prepare properly. To be honest this was something of a relief. Is there anything more boring in life than preparing with ChessBase? I made a joke during the event on Facebook, that I should create a tournament where preparation is banned. You have to get dependable people, people you can trust (sounds like a Tarantino film) to sign a contract agreeing not to do any preparation before the games. Someone pointed out that this would favour the professional players, who are in any case working on chess away from the tournament. C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5**

Not the most testing line. **3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7** Diagram



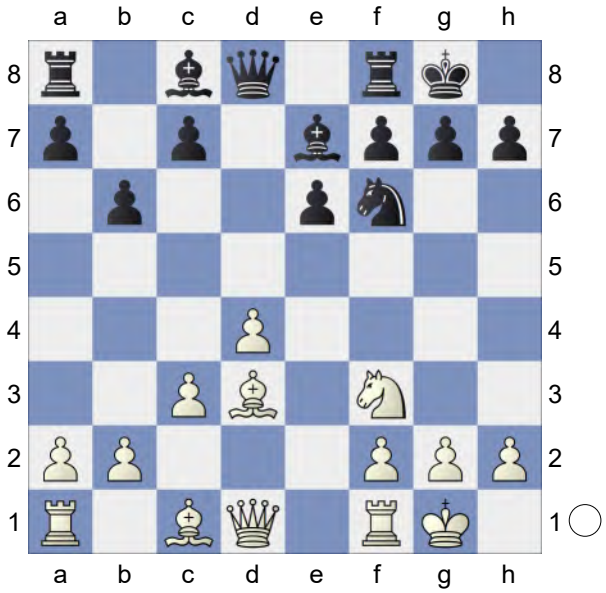
5.Nf3! I had faced this before and laboured under the false impression that it was somewhat insipid. As the course of the game shows, this is very far from the truth. John is a bit of an expert on the c3 Sicilian having wrote a book on this opening. As Mark Hebden explained to me after the game, he tends to be rather predictable in his opening choices, but what he plays he knows very well. **5...Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.c3 Be7**

[7...c5 8.Be3 cxd4 *(8...Qc7 9.Ne5 a6 10.Qa4+ Nd7 11.0-0-0)* 9.Bxd4 Be7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.Qd2 Qd5 12.0-0-0 Qxa2 13.Rhe1]

8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0! I had assumed that Black would be able to find compensation here, but over the board I couldn't see anything. During the game I had some vague idea that I had this whole thing before online, and got crushed in that game. That's the danger with preparation now, people can search for your online profiles and easily find holes in your repertoire.

[9.Bg5 h6 10.h4 Qd5 11.Qd2 b5 12.0-0-0 Bb7 13.Ne5 Qxa2 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd7 Be7 16.Nxf8 Kxf8]

9...b6 Diagram



10.Qe2! An important little move stepping away from any .. .Be6 tricks, and still part of John's preparation. White is just winning already, a pawn up for nothing. **10...Bb7 11.Bf4 a6?** Desperation, but if I don't take on h2 he will quickly drive my knight away and have an overwhelming position.

[11...Bd6 12.Bg5 was the main-line of my preparation, and White is better here as well. *(12.Ne5 c5)* John was kind enough to explain to me after the game that 12...h6 is more reliable for Black, as I would not encounter the same problems that I did in the game. Strongly threatening ...Bb7xf3! 13.Bh4 is very popular of course, but Tiviakov felt this was slightly inferior to ...Nf6, and White can count on a small advantage. Despite knowing all this, I still went for a rather dubious variation in ...d6, which just goes to show that you can bring a horse to water, but you can't always make him drink... According to

2.c3 Sicilian expert Sergey Tiviakov, c5 is the only move that equalizes.]
[11...Qc8 12.Ne5 c5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.Rad1 Rad8 15.Rfe1 Bd6 16.Bg3 Bb8 17.a3 Rd5 18.c4 Rdd8 19.b4 Qe7 20.Bh4 Kh8 21.Bb1 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Bxe5 23.Qxe5 Rd8 24.Re1 h6 25.f3 Kg8 26.Rc1 1-0 Tiviakov,S (2674)-Cao,S (2502) DYTM KL Open 2012 (5)]

12.Rad1! My quickest ever loss!

12...Ra7N 0.75/20
[12...Qc8± 0.33/19 13.Be5 Nd7 14.Bg3 c5 15.Bb1 Rd8 16.Rfe1 Nf8 17.Be4 cxd4 18.Nxd4 Bf6 19.Qf3 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Qc4 21.Qc6 Qxa2 22.Qxb6 Bxd4 23.cxd4 Nd7 24.Qb4 Nf6 25.Be5 a5 26.Qd2 Nd7 27.Bc7 Rdc8 1-0 Garcia Carey,O (2283)-Noboa Silva,K (2278) Velez Nor 2023 (5)]

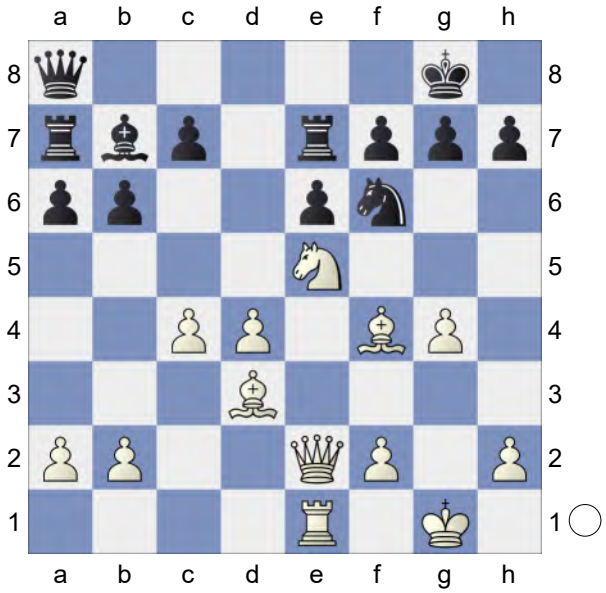
13.c4± White has more active pieces.

13...Re8 White is slightly better. **14.Ne5 Qa8** is just a piece up with a good position, so it's not even worth playing on for a bit. **15.Rfe1 Bb4** 1.50/21
[15...Bxg2 16.d5 Bh3± 4.18/23 is a rather grotty endgame for Black though, especially in a game that you need to win. *(16...exd5!± 0.57/21 17.Kxg2 Bb4)* 17.Qf3+- was what I played against Collins, but as this creates an unpleasant weakness on f6, isn't very advisable either, Collins,Sam E 2426 - Gormally, Daniel 2520, Great Britain 2011 Bf5 18.Bxf5 exf5 19.Nc6 1.60/20 Wards off Be7-b4 *(19.Bg5+- 3.47/23* has better winning chances. *h6 20.Nc6 hxg5 21.Nxe7+ Kf8 22.Nxf5)*]
[15...b5± 0.65/22]

16.g4 intending to take on e5, can be easily nullified by. And now g4-g5! would win. **16...Bxe1+-** 2.23/22
[16...Bd6± 1.22/20 was worth a try.]

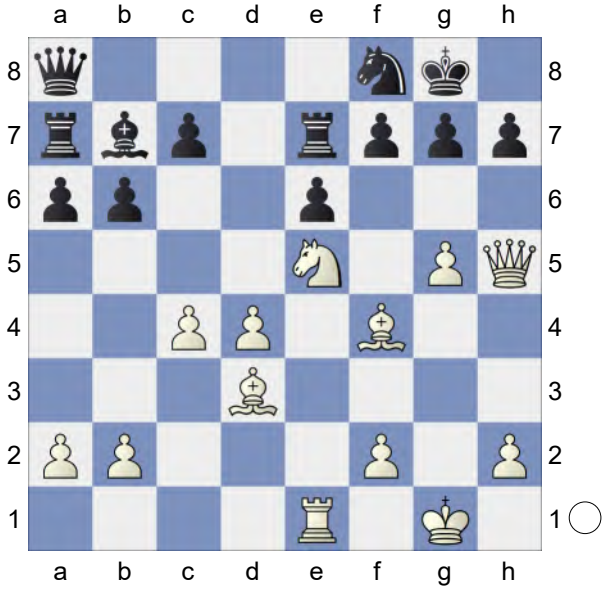
17.Rxe1 g4-g5 is the strong threat.

17...Re7

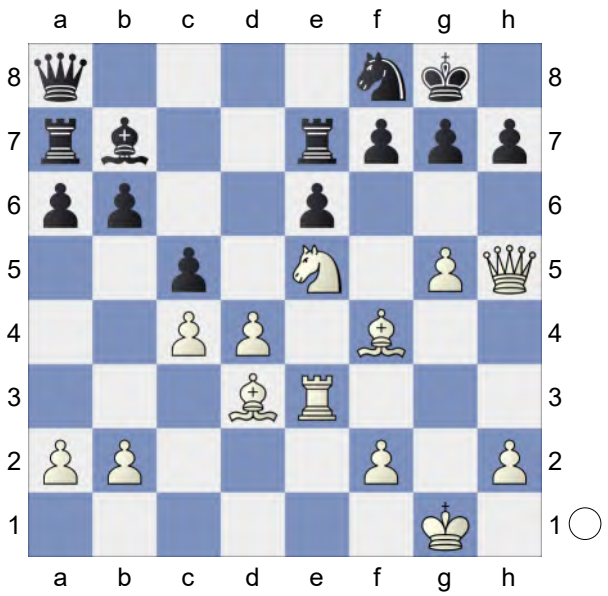


18.g5! White has strong compensation.

18...Nd7 19.Qh5 Nf8 3.72/22
[⌓19...g6 2.27/23 20.Qh4 Nxe5 21.Bxe5 Bh1]



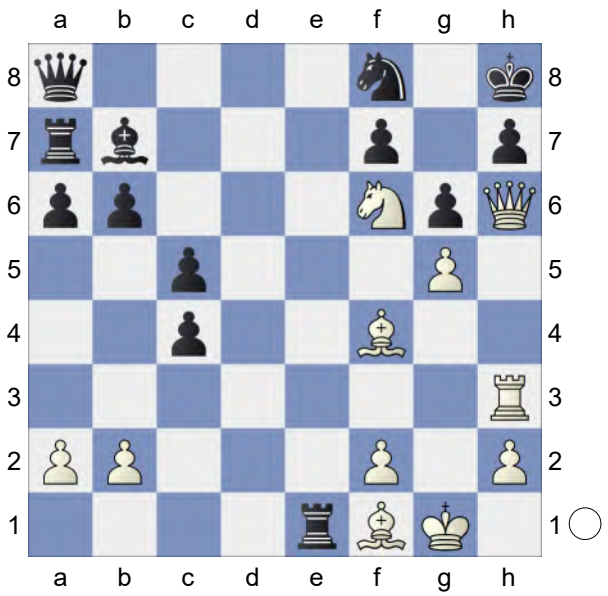
John explained that this was an important nuance. **20.Re3! c5?** 6.30/24
[20...Bh1 3.40/21 21.f3 b5]



21.d5! g6!
[21...Bxd5 22.cxd5]
22.Qh6 exd5 #8/17 and Black is once again in trouble. That's why White puts the knight on e2 earlier, as on f3 it would be attacked by the pawn on e4.
[22...Bxd5+- 4.92/20 23.Ng4 *(23.cxd5 exd5 24.Ng4 f5+-)* 23...f5]
23.Ng4 Re6
[23...Rxe3 24.Nf6+± this is a little bit like that drowned rat variation that Magnus Carlsen plays online occasionally. As I have dabbled in that myself I could have given it a go, but just wasn't aware that ...Nh5 was a decent option. Kh8 I once played against Sam Collins, which probably formed the base of John's preparation. 25.fxe3]
24.Nf6+ Kh8 25.Rh3 White mates. **25...Re1+± 26.Bf1** was probably a better try. **26...dxc4**

(Diagram)

27.Qxh7+!! Remove Defender, Double Attack. Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.



09 (flawless) /Black=1.06
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C03
□ **Bogdanov,Artyom** **2309**
■ **Demidov,Mikhail** **2549**
Moscow Botvinnik Memorial Cup (3.25)
[Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves RR: 'Inf 82/(252)' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Bd3 c5 5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Qe2 Nc6 7.Ngf3 0-0 8.0-0 a5 9.a4**
[9.c4 a4 10.Rd1 Bxc5 11.exd5 exd5 12.cxd5 Nb4 13.Ne4 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 Bf5 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Qb5 b6 17.Be3 Ra5 *(17...Bxe3 18.fxe3 a3 19.bxa3 Be4 20.Qc6 Qxc6 21.dxc6 Bxc6 22.Ne5 Ba4 23.Rd4 Rfe8 24.Nc4 Re6 25.e4 g6 26.Rb1 Bc2 27.Rb2 Bxe4 28.Rxb6 Re7 29.Rb2 Bf5 30.Rbd2 Be6 31.h3 Kg7 32.Kh2 ½-½* Luciani,T (2318)-Gade,M (2421) 35/183 Varna 1983*)* 18.Qe2 Bxe3 19.fxe3 a3 20.e4 axb2 21.Rab1 Qe7 22.Re1 Re8 23.Rxb2

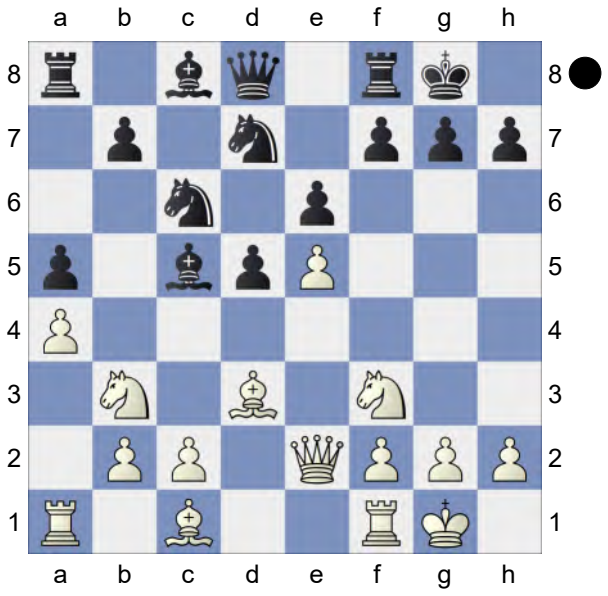
Bxe4 ½-½ 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 (2670)-12.0-0 b6 13.Rad1 Bb7 (2623) 21/285 Las Palmas 1976]

9...Bxc5N White has an edge.

[9...Nb4 10.e5 *(10.Nb3 b6 11.e5 Nd7 12.c6 Nc5 13.Bb5 Nxb3 14.cxb3 Qc7* Chess Informant Eco-N, N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006*)* 10...Nd7 11.Nb3 Nxd3 12.cxd3 Nxc5 13.Nxc5 Bxc5 Xie,J (2567)-Matveeva,S (2440) New Delhi (m) 2000 (2)]

[9...Nd7 10.Nb3 Nxc5 11.Nxc5 Bxc5 12.c3 Bd7 13.Bf4 Ne7 14.e5 Ng6 15.Bg3 f5 16.exf6 gxf6 17.c4 dxc4 18.Bxc4 Qe7 19.h4 Rfe8 20.Rfd1 Kh8 21.h5 Nf8 22.Ne5 Rad8 23.Bh4 Bc6 24.Ng4 1-0 Dauvergne,D (2603)-Margarido,J (2607) 109/(258) Irvine 2010]

10.e5 Nd7 11.Nb3



Strongly threatening Bd3xh7+! **11...Be7** 0.79/20

[11...Ba7± 0.40/20]

12.c3± b6 13.Nbd4 White is more active. **13...Nxd4 14.cxd4 Nb8 15.Bb5 Bd7 16.Ne1** 0.26/20

[16.Bd2± 0.62/17]

16...Nc6= 17.Be3 Nb4 18.Nd3 -0.14/24

[⌓18.Qg4 0.30/21]

18...Bxb5 The position is equal. **19.axb5 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Qd7 21.Rfc1 Rfc8** Prevents Rc1-c6 **22.h3 Rxc1+ 23.Rxc1 Rc8** Prevents Rc1-c6. **24.Rxc8+ Qxc8 25.b3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)

½-½

C09

□ **Balabayeva,Kseniya 2335**

■ **Harika,Dronavalli 2502**

FIDE World Bl Team Pool B blitz (6.11)

[Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nb3 Bb6 8.Be2 Nf6 9.0-0 h6** was the old line (9...0-0). war die alte Variante (9...0-0).

[9...0-0 10.c3 Re8 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Nfd4 h6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Ne4 15.a4 a6 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.a5 Ba7 18.Nd4 Bd7 19.Bf3 Nxg3 20.hxg3 Qf6 21.b4 Rab8 22.Rb1 Bxd4 23.cxd4 h5 24.Qd2 1-0 Yu,Y (2729)-Harika,D (2511) ChessKid Cup Play In blitz 2023 (2)]

10.Nfd4N -0.40/19

[10.c4= -0.01/19 might be stronger.]

[10.c3 0-0 11.Nbd4 Ne4 12.Be3 Re8 13.Re1 Bg4 14.Qa4 Qf6 15.Rad1 Rad8 16.Nc2 Bc7 17.Nb4 d4 18.cxd4 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Qd6 20.Nxc6 Qxh2+ 21.Kf1 bxc6 22.Qxc6 Ng5 23.g3 Ba5 24.Bg2 Bxe1 0-1 Bracker,F (2510)-6.h3 b6 7.♘c3 e5 (2580) 83/324 Wijk aan Zee 2002 (1) 25.Rxe1 Qh5 26.Qc5 Qg4 27.Qxa7 Nf3 28.Rc1 Nxd4 29.Qa6 Nf5 30.Qe2 Nxe3+ 31.fxe3 Qxg3

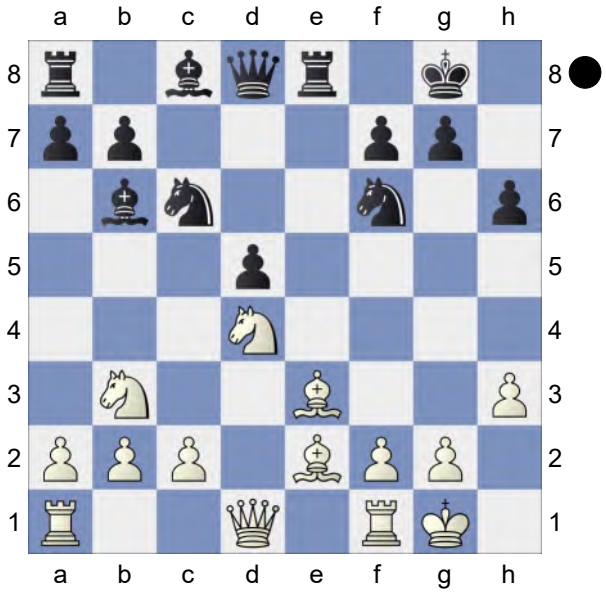
32.Rc3 Re6 33.e4 Rf6+ 34.Kg1 Qe5 35.a4 Rfd6 36.Rc2 Rd1+ 37.Kf2 Qf4+ 38.Qf3 Qh4+ 39.Ke3 R1d3+ 0-1 Adianto,U (2510)-Vaisser, A (2580) Tilburg rapid20 1993 (1)]

10...0-0∓ Black is slightly better. **11.Be3 Re8N**

[Vorgänger: 11...Ne5 12.c3 Nc4 13.Bxc4 dxc4 14.Nd2 Bxd4 0.65/21 *(14...Bg4∓ -0.38/19 15.Qa4 Rc8)* 15.Bxd4± Be6 16.Qf3 b6 17.Rfe1 Nh7 1-0 Janev,E (2457)-Vezzosi,P (2309) Bratto op 32nd 2012 (9)]

12.h3 -1.29/21

[12.a4= -0.30/19]



12...Bc7 -0.51/20

[12...Rxe3!∓ -1.29/21 13.fxe3 Qe7]

13.Nf3 Bf5 14.Nbd4

(Diagram)

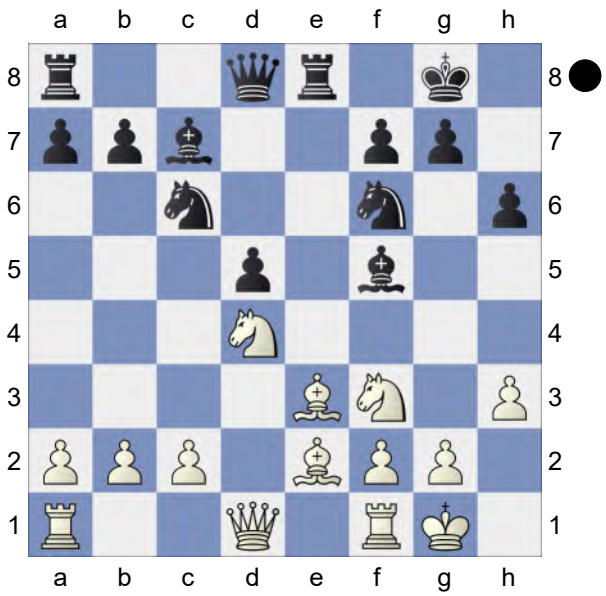
Be4 -0.30/20 Black is more active.

[14...Nxd4!∓ -0.88/19 15.Bxd4 Ne4]

15.Qd2 -0.93/19

[15.Re1= -0.30/20]

15...Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Qd6 17.g3 Qd7 18.Kh2 a6 Prevents Be2-b5 **19.a4 Re7**



20.b3 -1.07/20

[White should play 20.f3∓ -0.55/21]

20...Rae8∓ 21.Rad1 -1.57/23

[Better is 21.Bf4 -1.09/20]

21...Bg6 22.Bf3 Ne4 23.Bxe4 Bxe4 -0.42/24

[23...Rxe4∓ -1.19/20 24.Kg2 Bb6]

24.Bf4 -0.89/23 White is weak on the light squares

[24.Rde1∓ -0.42/24]

24...Bb6 This pair of bishops is nice.

25.Be3 Bxd4 26.Bxd4 Qf5 27.Rde1 Bxc2 28.Rxe7 Rxe7 29.Qc3 -1.70/25

[29.Re1∓ -0.77/25 Rxe1 30.Qxe1]

29...f6 -0.81/24

[29...Re2-+ -1.70/25 30.a5 Bd3]

30.Be3 -1.25/23

[⌓30.f3 -0.81/24]

30...Be4→ -0.86/22 Black wants a kill.

[⌓30...Re6 -1.25/23 31.Qc8+ Kh7]

31.b4 -1.31/22

[⌓31.Bd4 -0.86/22]

31...h5 32.Rg1 Kh7 -0.94/22

[⌓32...Bf3 -1.31/18 33.Rc1 Re4]

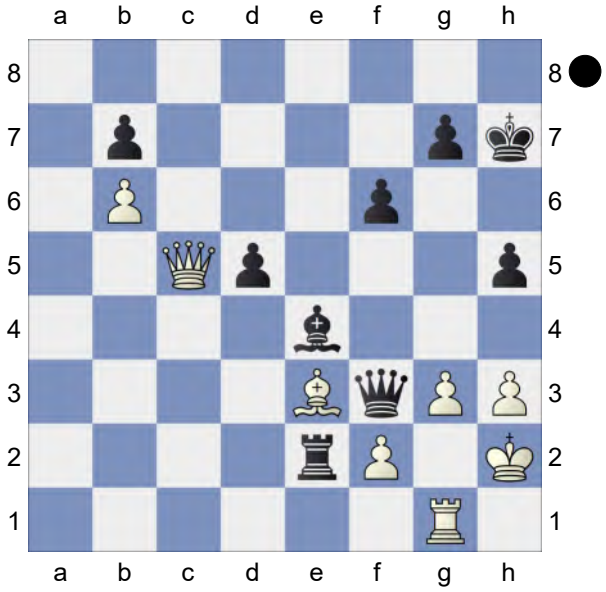
33.Qc5 -1.71/24

[33.Bc5∓ -0.94/22 d4 34.Bxd4]

33...Re6 **34.b5** Prevents Re6-c6

34...axb5 35.axb5 Re8 36.Qc7 Rc8

37.Qb6 -6.17/23 Loses the game.
[37.Qf4∓ -1.47/25]
37...Rc2-+ Strongly threatening ...Qf5-f3.
38.Qd4 -7.89/27
[⌓38.Bf4 -4.53/26]
38...Qf3 39.b6 Re2 40.Qc5



Re1!! Deflection **41.Rxe1**
[41.Qc1 Rxc1]
41...Qg2# Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/Black=0.17 (very precise)
0-1

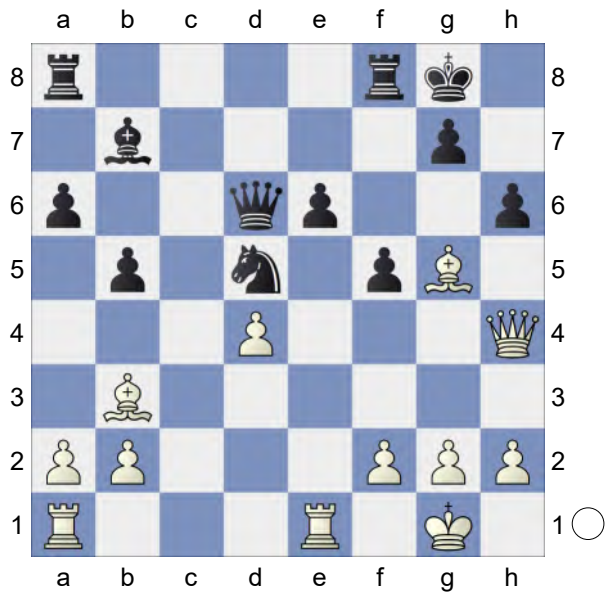
C07

□ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2636**
■ **Lim,Zhuo Ren** **2310**
FIDE World Cup (1.2) 31.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.N2f3 Be7 8.Bc4!** outshines the older 8.Bd3. erfolgreicher als das alte 8. Ld3. **8...0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.c3** The position is equal.
[10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qe2 Bb7 12.Bd3 Qc7 13.Qe4 g6 14.Bh6 Rfd8 15.a3 c5 16.Qg4 Nf6 17.Qg3 Qb6 18.Ne5 Bd6 19.Qf4 Nd5 20.Qxf7+ Kh8 21.Qg7# 1-0 Karjakin,S (2373)-Kukin,G (2305) 83/160 Leon 2001 (5)]
10...Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Bf6 12.Re1 a6N
[Vorgänger: 12...Qb6 0.44/19 12...b7-b6 0.04 13.Nf3 Ne7 14.Ng5 -0.03/20 *(14.Bd3± 0.41/16)* 14...Ng6 0.69/21 *(*Black should play *14...h6=* -0.03/20 *15.Ne4 Be5)* 15.Qh5± Bxg5 16.Qxg5 e5 17.Bd3 Be6 18.Qe3 Qc6 19.Bxg6 ½-½ Kramnik,V (2775)-Illescas Cordoba,M (2635) Dos Hermanas 1996 (7)]
13.Qf3 Bxd4 14.cxd4 Nb4 15.Qc3 0.19/20 Against Nb4-c2
[15.Qg3± 0.72/21 Strongly threatening Bc1-g5. Qxd4 16.Bb3]
15...b5 0.66/20
[15...Qd6= 0.19/20 should be considered.]
16.Bb3
[Stronger than 16.Qxb4 Qxd4 17.b3 a5∓ *(17...Qxa1? 18.Ba3+-)*]
16...Nd5 17.Qg3 Bb7 18.Bg5 Prevents Qd8-f6. **18...Qb8** 0.80/20
[18...Qc7± 0.35/21]
19.Qh4 0.41/20
[19.Qg4± 0.80/20]
19...Qd6± 20.Bc2 f5 21.Bb3 h6

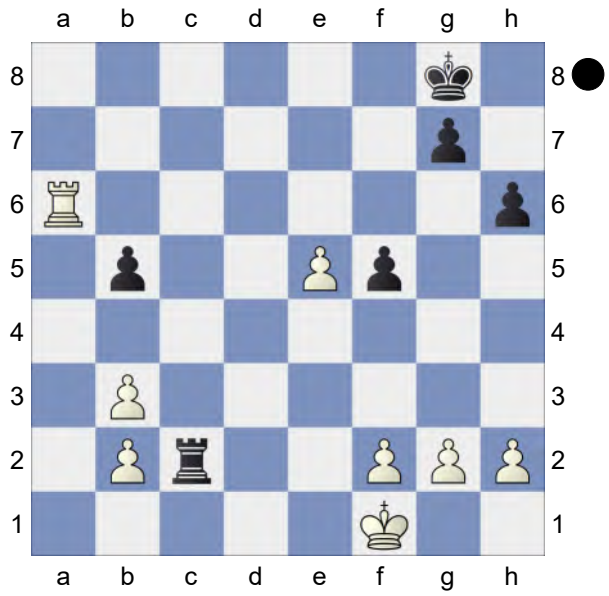
(Diagram)

22.Be7 Qxe7 23.Qxe7 Nxe7 24.Rxe6 Bd5 25.Rxe7 Bxb3 26.axb3= Endgame. KRR-KRR **26...Rfe8 27.Re5** White has more active pieces.
[27.Rxa6 Rxa6 28.Rxe8+ Kf7=]
27...Rxe5 28.dxe5± KR-KR **28...Rc8** 0.86/24
[28...Rd8± 0.43/23]
29.Kf1 0.44/25
[29.Rxa6? Rc1#]



[29.g3!± 0.86/24]

29...Rc2 30.Rxa6



Ra6-b6 is the strong threat. **30...Rxb2 31.e6 Kf8 32.Ra7 Rb1+** 1.48/5

[32...g6± 0.63/26]

33.Ke2± aiming for Ra7-f7+. **33...Rb2+ 34.Ke3** Black must now prevent Ra7-f7+. **34...Rxb3+ 35.Kd4** Hoping for Ra7-f7+. **35...Rb2 36.Rf7+ Ke8?** 8.38/28

[36...Kg8 2.27/26 37.Rxf5 Ra2]

37.Rxg7+- White is clearly winning. **37...Re2 38.Kd5 b4 39.Kd6 Rd2+ 40.Ke5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)

1-0

C10

□ **Sosa,Tomas** **2515**

■ **Veleshnja,Zino** **2294**

Olympiad-45 Budapest (6.22) 16.09.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Bd3 Ngf6 6.Qe2 Be7 7.Nf3 Nxe4 8.Bxe4 c5 9.0-0 Nf6N**

[9...0-0 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.c3 Nf6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Qc4 Be7 15.b4 f5 16.Bd3 b5 17.Qxb5 cxb4 18.cxb4 Rb8 19.Qa5 Qxa5 20.bxa5 Bf6 21.Rab1 Bb7 22.Bc4 Bd5 23.Bxd5 exd5 24.a6 1-0 Wolfgang Gerstner Nukhim,U (2650)-Sukhareva,O (2630) Oberliga Ost-B 9394 1993 (2)]

[9...cxd4 10.Rd1 Nc5 11.Rxd4 Qb6 12.Be3 Qxb2 13.Rad1 Bf6 14.Rd8+ Bxd8 15.Bxc5 Bd7 16.Qd3 Qb5 17.c4 Qxc5 18.Qxd7+ Kf8 19.Qxb7 g6 20.Qxa8 Kg7 ½-½ Anand,V (2803)-Vallejo Pons,F (2684) Leon 21st rapid 2008 (1.4)]

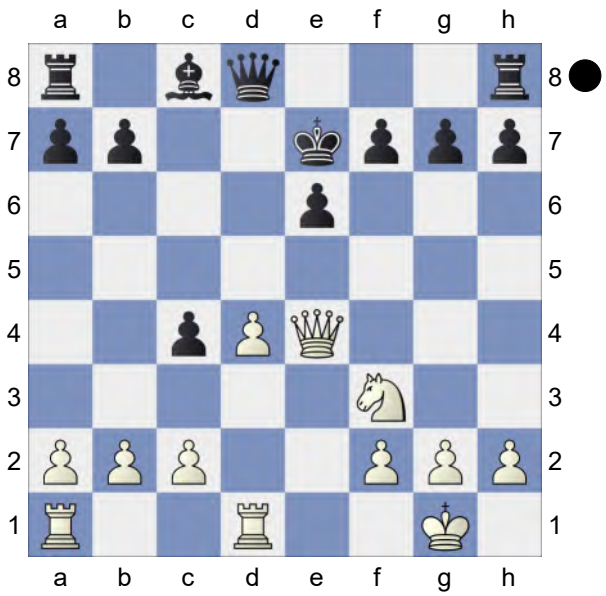
10.Rd1 c4 11.Bg5 White is more active. White is slightly better. **11...Nxe4 12.Bxe7 Kxe7** 1.70/20

[12...Qd5± 0.49/22 13.Ba3 b6]

13.Qxe4+-

(Diagram)

Hoping for d4-d5. **13...Qd5** Black is weak on the dark squares **14.Qg4 Kf8** 2.11/20



[14...Rg8± 1.25/17 15.b3 b5]
15.Re1 0.79/21
[15.Ne5+- 2.11/20 is more deadly.]
15...f6± 16.Nd2 0.68/19
[16.Qf4± 1.06/20]
16...Bd7± 17.Qg3 Rd8 18.Ne4 0.49/15
[Better is 18.c3± 0.89/20]
18...Bc6 19.Nc3 Qd6 20.Qh3 Re8 0.84/21
[20...Kf7= 0.30/21 remains equal.]
21.Re3 0.09/21
[21.Ne4± 0.84/21 Qd5 *(21...Qxd4? loses. 22.Rad1+-)* 22.b3 cxb3 23.axb3]
21...Kf7 22.Qh5+ 0.03/23
[22.Rd1± 0.39/22 is superior.]
22...g6= 23.Qh4 h5 Threatens to win with ...g6-g5. **24.Ne4 Bxe4**
[24...Qxd4? too greedy. 25.Ng5+ fxg5 26.Qxd4+-]
25.Qxe4 Qd5 26.Rae1 Qxe4 27.Rxe4 h4 0.36/22
[27...Re7= -0.06/23]
28.R1e3 Rh5 29.Kf1 Re7 30.Ra3 -0.04/22
[30.Rc3± 0.51/20]
30...a6 0.38/21 Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
[30...Rb5= -0.04/22]
½-½

C06
□ **Pavasovic,Dusko** **2595**
■ **Gurevich,Mikhail** **2611**
IX EICC T/B WChQual rapid (1.2) 3.5.08
[Wei Ming]

Gurevich is one of the leading experts of the French Defense and in this game, he surprised Pavasovic with an old plan which was not commonly played these days. Gurevich conducted the plan very purposefully and never appeared to be in any sort of trouble. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'Gurevich is one of the leading experts of the French Defense and in this game, he surprised Pavasovic with an old plan which was not commonly played these days. Gurevich conducted the plan very purposefully and never appeared to be in any sort of trouble.' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nb6!?** Believe it or not, this move is the prelude to a light square barricade on the whole board! I imagine such an approach would be particularly frustrating against an attacking player. In the next few moves, Gurevich would systematically carry out his plan. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'Believe it or not, this move is the prelude to a light square barricade on the whole board! I imagine such an approach would be particularly frustrating against an attacking player. In the next few moves, Gurevich would systematically carry out his plan.' **9.0-0 Bd7 10.a3** commonest, but I'm not sure why this is

necessary.

[10.Re1 Be7 11.Nf1 Nb4 12.Bb1 Bb5 13.Ng3 h5! is another possible continuation where Black seems fine. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'is another possible continuation where Black seems fine.']

10...Be7

[Another game went 10...a5 It is perhaps ideal to wait for White to play b3 before playing ...a5 but Black was probably afraid of White upsetting his apple cart with 11.b4. (See the note to White's next move) Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'It is perhaps ideal to wait for White to play b3 before playing ...a5 but Black was probably afraid of White upsetting his apple cart with 11.b4. (See the note to White's next move)' 11.Nb1 As it is so often in the Tarrasch, the move Nd2-b1 was played after Black has exchanged pawns on d4. It is almost as if White has decided that d2 is the wrong square for the knight after all! Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'As it is so often in the Tarrasch, the move Nd2-b1 was played after Black has exchanged pawns on d4. It is almost as if White has decided that d2 is the wrong square for the knight after all!' a4 12.Nc3 Na5 13.Bc2 Nac4 14.Ng5 g6! Completing the light square fortress. Black is very solid in these positions and it is difficult for White to do something constructive without compromising his pawn structure. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'Completing the light square fortress. Black is very solid in these positions and it is difficult for White to do something constructive without compromising his pawn structure.' 15.Qf3 Qe7 16.Qg3 Bc6 17.h4 Na5 18.h5 Nb3 19.Bxb3 axb3 20.Qh3 gxh5 21.Nf3 Rg8 22.Qxh5 h6 23.Nd2 *(23.Bxh6 Bxh6 24.Qxh6 Nc4* is risky for White.*)* 23...Qg5 24.Qxg5 hxg5 25.Nxb3 Nc4 26.Nd2 Be7 and Black had a safe position despite being a pawn down in Trent, L (2470)-Dgebuadze, A (2562)/Liverpool ENG 2008/The Week in Chess 723 1/2-1/2 (44) Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'and Black had a safe position despite being a pawn down in Trent, L (2470)-Dgebuadze, A (2562)/Liverpool ENG 2008/The Week in Chess 723 1/2-1/2 (44)']

11.b3

[11.b4 was, as far as I could never, never played before but it throws a spanner in the works by preventing ... a5 at the moment. For e.g. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'was, as far as I could never, never played before but it throws a spanner in the works by preventing ...a5 at the moment. For e.g.' a5? *(11...0-0 12.Bb2 a6 13.Nb3±)* 12.b5 Na7 13.a4 would have been extremely cramping.]

[11.Re1

A) 11...g5!? is an interesting change of plans, switching to attacking mode. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'is an interesting change of plans, switching to attacking mode.' 12.Nb3 (virtually forced) Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: '(virtually forced)' g4 13.Nfd2 h5 14.f3 a5! Attacking with pawns on both flanks seems to be 2nd nature nowadays in the French. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'Attacking with pawns on both flanks seems to be 2nd nature

nowadays in the French.' 15.a4 *(15.fxg4 Qc7! 16.gxh5 a4 17.Nc5 Nxd4 18.Nxd7 Nxd7* with excellent chances for Black.*)* 15...Nb4 16.Bb1 Qc7 17.fxg4 hxg4 18.Qxg4 Nc2 19.Qg7 0-0-0! 20.Bxc2 Qxc2 21.Qxf7 Bb4 with superb compensation for Black.;

B) 11...a5 12.b3 a4 13.b4 Na7 14.Qe2 0-0 15.h4

B1) 15...Bxh4 is risky. 16.Ne4! *(16.Bxh7+* doesn't quite work out if Black defends well. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'doesn't quite work out if Black defends well.' *Kxh7 17.Nxh4 Qxh4 18.Nf3 Qh5 19.Ng5+ Kg6 20.Qc2+ f5 21.exf6+ Kxf6 22.Qc7! Rh8! 23.Rxe6+! Bxe6 24.Qe5+ Ke7 25.Qxe6+ Kf8 26.Qf5+ Kg8 27.Qe6+=)* 16...Be7 *(16...dxe4 17.Qxe4 Bxf2+ 18.Kxf2 g6 19.Bg5+-)* 17.Nc5⩲;

B2) 15...Nc4? was played 36 years ago by a familiar name (to ChessPub subscribers at least!) Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'was played 36 years ago by a familiar name (to ChessPub subscribers at least!)' 16.Ng5 h6?! *(16...g6? 17.Nxh7! Kxh7 18.Nxc4 dxc4 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.Bxg6 fxg6 21.Qxg6+ Kh8 22.Qh5+ Kg8 23.Bh6+-; 16...Bxg5 17.hxg5 Bb5* could be a better defensive try. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'could be a better defensive try.'*)* 17.Nh7 Bb5 *(17...Re8 18.Qg4 Kh8 19.Nf3+-* Nunn *)* 18.Nxf8 Bxf8 19.Nxc4 Bxc4 20.Bxc4 dxc4 21.Qxc4 Qxh4 22.Be3 Nc6 23.Qb5 Qe7 24.Rad1 Rd8 25.d5 exd5 26.Bb6 Re8 27.Qxd5 Qh4 28.e6 1-0 Ghizdavu, D (2450)-Hecht, H (2505) /Bath 1973/ EU-cht Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: '1-0 Ghizdavu, D (2450)-Hecht, H (2505) /Bath 1973/ EU-cht';

B3) ⌓15...h6! 16.Nf1 Rc8]

11...a5 12.Bb2 a4 13.b4 Na7 14.Qe2 0-0 15.Ne1 This allows Black to force the desirable exchange of the light square bishops. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'This allows Black to force the desirable exchange of the light square bishops.'

[15.Rfe1 Rc8 16.Rac1 Rxc1 17.Rxc1 Qb8 preparing ...Rc8 is again, very solid. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'preparing ...Rc8 is again, very solid.']

15...Qe8! 16.f4

[16.Rc1!? is an interesting move which attempts to sacrifice an exchange. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'is an interesting move which attempts to sacrifice an exchange.' Bb5 *(16...Rc8 17.Rxc8 Qxc8 18.f4 f5 19.Rf3)* 17.Rc7 Qd8 18.Rxb7 Bc6 19.Rxe7 Qxe7 20.f4 Rac8 with compensation for White. The different engines all seem to prefer Black, suggesting various moves here and there but I can't get rid of the feeling that White is about to punish Black for transferring most of his pieces to the queenside. In fact, I analyzed this position in some detail (thinking it might be critical for the entire concept) and had real difficulties in holding up White's onslaught. For example, Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'with compensation for White. The different engines all seem to prefer Black, suggesting various

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[18.g3 would have kept a small advantage.]

18...Bd6 19.Ng2 Bb5 20.Rae1 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Qb5 22.Qh3 Qd7 23.Nf3 Nc4 A triumph for Black's light square strategy. I already prefer Black's position. **24.Bc1 g6 25.Ne5 Qb5?** It is inevitable that there would be mistakes in an important rapid game so we shouldn't be too critical. I reckon both sides were in time trouble at this stage. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'It is inevitable that there would be mistakes in an important rapid game so we shouldn't be too critical. I reckon both sides were in time trouble at this stage.'

[25...Bxe5 26.dxe5 Rf7 27.f5 Nc6=]

26.f5!

[26.g5 wins an exchange though Black has 2 very mobile knights in exchange after Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'wins an exchange though Black has 2 very mobile knights in exchange after' Rf5 27.Nh4 Bxe5 28.Nxf5 gxf5 29.dxe5 Qe8]

26...gxf5 27.gxf5

[The surprising 27.g5! wins immediately. Rff8 *(27...Bxe5 28.gxf6 Bxf6 29.Rxe6+-)* 28.g6 hxg6 29.Nxg6 and Black is crushed.]

27...exf5 28.Bg5? Passing up another glorious opportunity.

[28.Rxf5 Rxf5 29.Qg4+! (White possibly missed this) Kh8 30.Qxf5 would have left Black equally helpless against the menacing White army. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin: 'would have left Black equally helpless against the menacing White army.']

28...Bxe5 29.dxe5 Rg6 30.Qxf5 Qb6+ 31.Kh1 Qe6 32.Qxe6+ Rxe6 33.Bf6 Rf8 34.Nf4 Rfxf6 35.exf6 Rxf6 36.Nxd5 Rxf1+ 37.Rxf1 Nb5 38.Ne7+ Kg7 39.Nf5+ Kg8 40.Ne7+ Kh8 41.Rg1 h5 42.Ng6+ Kh7 43.Nf8+ Kh8 44.Ng6+ Kh7 45.Nf8+ Kh8 46.Ng6+ Summary: Gurevich's plan was not played often these days but I like the systematic manner by which he employed the light square strategy. I believe the key to the success of this strategy lies in whether White can carry out a successful attack on the Kingside as the blocked nature of the other parts of the board would mean that Black has less avenues to counterattack. In particular, subscribers might want to check, & further my analysis with 16. Rc1!? which feel is critical to the entire concept. Goh Wei Ming, Kevin:

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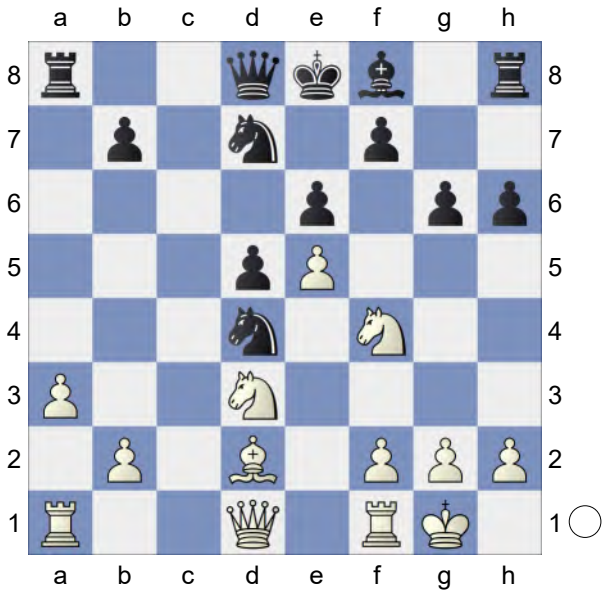
½-½

C06
□ **Teclaf,Pawel** **2553**
■ **Diaz Villagran,Robert** **2268**
Bydgoszcz op (5) 30.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

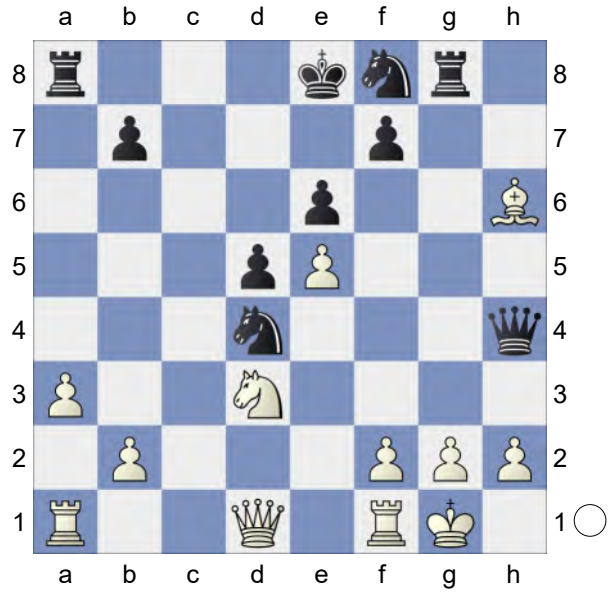
C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3 c5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nb6 9.Nf3**
[9.0-0 Bd7 10.Nf3 Nb4 11.Bb1 Bb5 12.Re1 Bxe2 13.Rxe2 Be7 14.a3 Nc6 15.Bd3 Qd7 16.h4 h6 17.h5 0-0-0 18.Rc2 Kb8 19.Bd2 Rc8 20.Rac1 a6 21.Qe2 Na7 22.Ba5 Rxc2 23.Rxc2 Na8 1-0 Svidler,P (2754)-Hebert,J (2420) FIDE World Cup 2009 (1.1)]
9...Bd7 10.a3N
[10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rc1 Rac8 14.Nc3 Nb4 15.Bb1 Rc7 16.b3 Rfc8 17.Qd2 Na6 18.Rfe1 g6 19.h4 Rc6 20.Ng5 Qb4 21.Re3 Nc7 22.Nxh7 Kxh7 23.h5 Rh8 24.hxg6+ Kg7 ½-½ Ligterink,G-Whiteley,A EU-chT 06th Group1 NED-ENG 1975 (1.6) 25.Rg3 Qe7 26.gxf7+ Kf8 27.Qf4 Qxf7 28.Qg5 Be8 29.Qd8 Rg8 30.Rh3 Nb5 31.Rh7 Rg7 32.Rh8+ Rg8 33.Rh7 Rg7 34.Rh8+ Rg8 35.Rh7 ½-½ Lyons,B-Antoshin,V (ol) 73/665 Elista 1998 (1.6)]
10...a5 11.Nf4 a4 White is slightly better. **12.Nh5 h6** 0.90/21
[12...Na5± 0.54/20]
13.Bd2 0.35/21
[13.0-0± 0.90/21]
13...Na7 1.00/21
[13...Nc4± 0.35/21]
14.0-0± White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **14...Bb5 15.Ne1** 0.43/20
[15.Bxb5+± 0.96/20 Nxb5 16.b3]
15...Bxd3± 16.Nxd3 Nd7 Prevents f2-f4 **17.Qxa4** 0.40/21
[White should play 17.Qg4± 0.77/18 g6 18.Nhf4]
17...Nc6 18.Qd1 Threatens to win with Bd2-e3. **18...g6** 1.04/21
[18...Nxd4± 0.39/23 19.Re1 g6]
19.Nhf4± Nxd4



20.Nxg6! Rg8 2.36/21 A mistake that costs the game.

[20...fxg6± 0.85/22 21.Qg4 Ra4 *(21...Qb6? 22.Be3+-)*]

21.Nxf8+- Nxf8 22.Bxh6 Qh4



Hoping for ...Qh4-h3. **23.Bf4! Ng6 24.Bg3 Qh6 25.Nc5** Discovered Attack **25...Nf4 26.Re1** Prevents Nd4-e2+.

[26.Qxd4? too greedy. Ne2+ 27.Kh1 Nxd4-+]

26...Nf5 27.Qc1 Rg4 28.Bxf4 Rxf4 29.g3 1.90/23 Prevents Nf5-h4.

[⌓29.Nxb7 3.87/23 Rh4 30.Nd6+ Kf8 31.Nxf5 Qxc1 32.Raxc1 exf5 33.g3]

29...Rc4 30.Qxh6 Nxh6 31.Nxb7 Rc2 32.Nd6+ Ke7? 4.04/25

[32...Kd7 1.96/21 33.h3 Rxb2]

33.Rec1 Rxb2 34.Rc7+ Kf8 35.a4 Ra6 36.a5 f6? 7.43/24

[36...Re2 3.44/22 37.h3 Rxe5]

37.Nb7 White is clearly winning.

37...fxe5 38.Nc5 Ra8 39.Rh7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.40

1-0

C07

□ **Frank,Adam** **2364**

■ **Ivanov,Mike** **2364**

Skalica op (8) 09.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qe2 e5 10.exd5 cxd5** White is slightly better. **11.c4 Ne7 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Be4** -0.23/21

[⌓13.Nc4 0.20/20 Bb4+ 14.Bd2]

13...Nf4= 14.Qa6 Bc5 Strongly threatening ...Ra8-b8. **15.0-0 Rc8** 0.47/21

[15...Rb8= 0.01/22 feels stronger. 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.Rad1 0-0 19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.Qd3+ Kg8 21.Qxd7 Qf6 22.Qd6 Qxb2 23.Rd2 Qf6 24.Qxf6 gxf6 25.Re1 Rfd8 26.Kf1 Rxd2 27.Nxd2 Ba5 28.Rb1 Rc8 29.Nb3 Bb4 30.Rc1 Re8 31.Nd4 Kg7 ½-½ Viel,S (2275)-Di Nicolantonio,L (2383) FRA-ch Accession 96th 2023 (8)]

16.Nb3N And now Nb3xc5 would win.

[16.Nf3 Qf6 17.Qb7 Ne2+ 18.Kh1 Qd6 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.fxe3 37. French 3...c5 − 5...Nc6-N,N]

16...Bb6 1.48/22

[16...Ne6± 0.47/21]

17.Bxf4± exf4

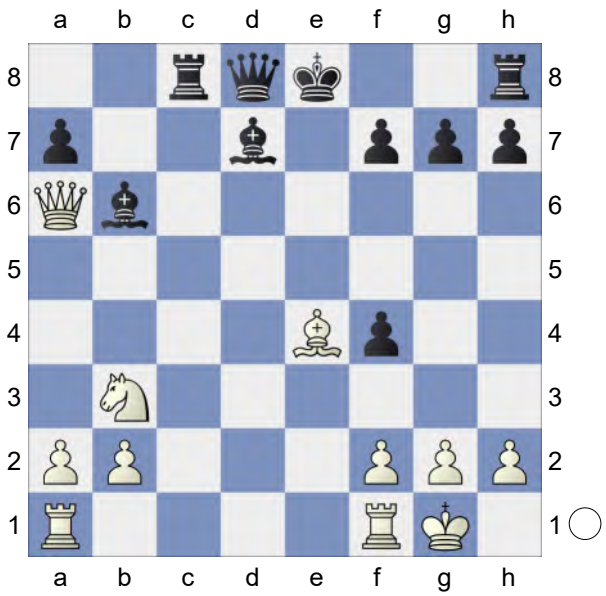
(Diagram)

18.Rad1? -0.24/24 White is more active.

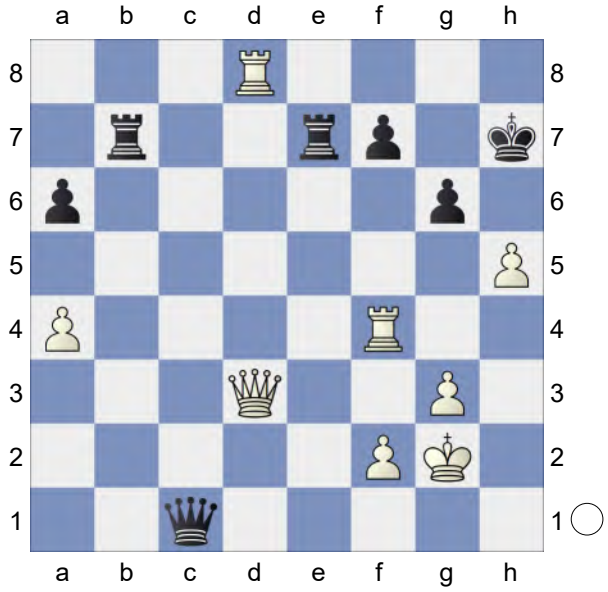
[Only move: 18.a4!± 1.37/22]

18...0-0= 19.Bxh7+ Decoy **19...Kxh7 20.Qd3+ Kg8 21.Qxd7 Qf6** Dodges Qd7-f5 **22.Rd2 f3** -0.01/22

[Better is 22...Rcd8∓ -0.66/21 23.Qg4



Rxd2 24.Nxd2 Qxb2 25.Qxf4 Qxa2]
23.g3! Rcd8 24.Qg4 Rfe8 25.a4 a6
Black has compensation.
[25...g6!?]
26.h4 Ba7 0.55/22
[Black should play 26...a5= 0.01/23]
27.h5 0.16/22
[27.a5± 0.55/22]
27...Kh8 0.55/23
[27...a5= 0.16/22]
28.Rfd1± Threatens to win with Rd2xd8.
28...Rb8 1.28/24
[28...Rxd2!± 0.34/25 29.Rxd2 Re1+ 30.Kh2 Kh7]
29.Nd4± Bxd4 30.Rxd4 Rd4-f4 is the strong threat.
[30.Qxd4?! Qxd4 31.Rxd4 Rxb2±]
30...Rb7 2.66/24
[30...Rxb2± 1.40/23 31.Rf4 Qb6 32.Rxf3 *(32.Qxf3 Rb3±)* 32...Rf8]
31.Rf4 Qxb2 32.Qxf3
[32.Rxf3 Qe2 33.Rc1 Qe6±]
32...Qc2? 4.31/23
[32...Kg8 2.49/23 33.Rd6 Qc1+ 34.Kh2 Rb1 35.Rxf7 *(35.Rxa6?* is the wrong capture. *Qg1+ 36.Kh3 Qf1+ 37.Kh2 Qxa6-+)* 35...Qg1+ 36.Kh3 Qh1+ 37.Kg4 Rb4+ 38.Rf4 Rxf4+ 39.gxf4 *(39.Qxf4?* too greedy. *Re4-+* Pin *)* 39...Qe1]
33.Kg2 Ree7 34.Rd6 Qc1? #5/12
[34...Kh7+- 2.54/22 35.Rxa6 Ra7]
35.Rd8+ White mates. **35...Kh7**
36.Qd3+ g6



37.Rxf7+!! Remove Defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) / Black=0.57
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C03
□ **Ellithorpe,Gilbert P** **2744**
■ **Sethuraman,Sethuraman** **2749**
corr FRA-ENG team m (9) 21.07.2001
[Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.e5 c5 5.dxc5**
[5.Qg4 Kf8 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Qg3 h5 8.Nb3 Nh6 9.Nf3 a5 10.c3 a4 11.Nbd4 Bxc5 12.Bd3 Qb6 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Be3 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Be7 16.Bg5 Bxg5 17.Qxg5 Nf5 18.Bxf5 exf5 19.Rac1 Qd8 1-0 Kobalia,M (2639)-Ivanov,S (2557) TCh Togliatti

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[5.c3 Nc6 6.Bd3 Qb6 7.Ndf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nb4 9.Bb1 Bd7 10.Ne2 Qa6 11.0-0 Bb5 12.Re1 Nd3 13.Bxd3 Bxd3 14.Nc3 Nh6 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Rc1 0-0 17.Qd2 Kg7 18.h4 Bg6 19.a3 Qd3 1-0 Grigoriants,S (2535)-Hamidi,A (2209) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st May Late blitz 2024 (8)]

5...Nc6 6.Ngf3 Bxc5N
[6...Qc7 7.Bb5 Bxc5 8.Nb3 Bb6 9.0-0 Nge7 10.Bf4 Bd7 11.Rc1 Ng6 12.Bg3 Na5 13.Nbd4 a6 14.Bd3 Nc4 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.b3 Na5 17.c4 dxc4 18.Ng5 Qc5 19.Ndf3 Bc6 20.Qd2 Rd8 21.b4 ½-½ Shahar,U-Shabalov,A 79/300 Bratto 2000]

7.Nb3 Bb6 8.Bd3 The position is equal.

8...f6 9.Qe2 fxe5 10.Nxe5 Nf6 Repels Qe2-h5+. Strongly threatening ... Nc6xe5. **11.0-0** -0.13/20
[11.Bf4± 0.34/20]

11...Nxe5= 12.Qxe5 0-0 13.Bg5
[13.c4!?]

13...Bc7 14.Qd4 h6 -0.01/20
[Black should play 14...e5∓ -0.62/20 15.Qh4 h6]

15.Bh4 -0.82/21
[15.Bf4= -0.01/20]

15...e5∓ 16.Qc5 Be6 -0.48/20
[16...Bb6∓ -0.94/18 17.Qc3 Qe8]

17.Rad1 -1.06/20
[17.Qe3∓ -0.48/20]

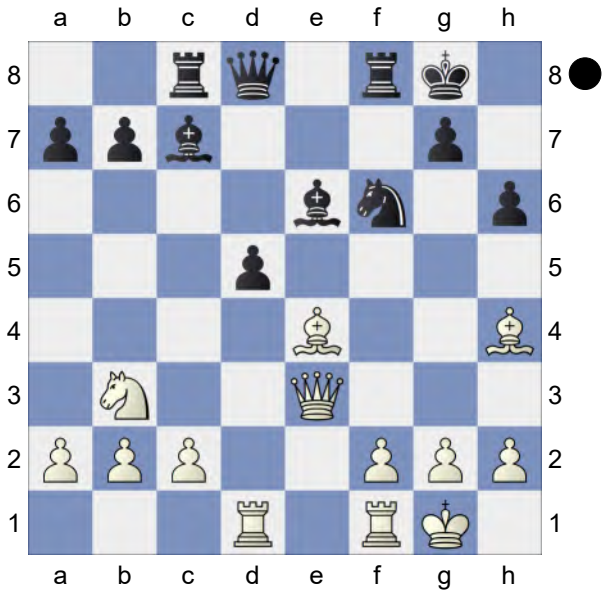
17...Rc8 -0.53/21
[17...Bb6∓ -1.06/20 18.Qb5 Qd6]

18.Qe3∓ e4 -0.08/23
[18...Qe8∓ -0.64/20 19.Bg3 e4 20.Bxc7 Rxc7 *(20...exd3 21.Bd6=)*]

19.Bxe4=

(Diagram)

Hoping for Be4-f3. **19...Bxh2+!** Decoy



20.Kh1! Threatens to win with Be4-d3.

20...Qd6
[20...Ng4 simplifies 21.Bxd8 Nxe3 22.fxe3 Rxf1+ 23.Rxf1 dxe4 24.Kxh2 Bxb3 25.cxb3 Rxd8 26.Rf4 Rd2]

21.Bxf6 Bf4 Really sharp!
[21...Rxf6 simplifies 22.Bf3 Bf4 23.Qe2 Bf7]

22.Qf3 Rxf6
[22...gxf6? 23.Bxd5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5+-]
[22...dxe4 simplifies 23.Rxd6 exf3 24.Rxe6 Rxf6 25.Rxf6 fxg2+ 26.Kxg2 gxf6 27.c3 Kf7]

23.Bxd5 Be5⇄ Black puts up resistance
[23...Rxc2? 24.Bxe6+ Qxe6 25.Nd4+- *(25.Qxb7 Qg4∓)*]

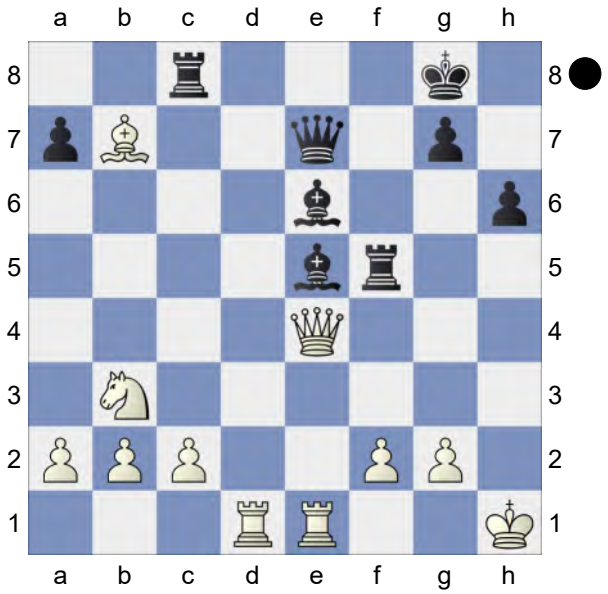
24.Bxb7 Discovered Attack **24...Qe7** 0.42/24
[24...Rc4= -0.01/23 was preferrable. 25.Rxd6 Rh4+ 26.Kg1 *(26.Qh3 Bxh3 27.Rxf6 Bc8+ 28.Kg1 Bh2+ 29.Kh1 Bf4+ 30.Kg1 Bh2+ 31.Kh1 Bc7+ 32.Kg1 Bxb7=)* 26...Bh2+ 27.Kh1 Be5+ 28.Kg1 *(28.Qh3 Bxh3 29.Rxf6 Bf5+ 30.Kg1 Bh2+ 31.Kh1 Bf4+ 32.Kg1 Bh2+ 33.Kh1 Bg3+*

34.Kg1 Bh2+=) 28...Bh2+ 29.Kh1 Bxd6+ 30.Kg1 Bh2+ 31.Kh1 Be5+ 32.Kg1 Bh2+ 33.Kh1 Be5+ 34.Kg1 Rxf3 *(34...Bh2+ 35.Kh1=)* 35.Bxf3 Bh2+ 36.Kh1 Be5+ 37.Kg1 Bh2+ 38.Kh1 Be5+ 39.Kg1]

25.Qe4± Rf5! (→ ...Rf5-h5+) **26.Rfe1?** -4.31/23

[26.Bxc8 Rh5+ 27.Kg1 Bh2+ 28.Kh1 Bf4+ 29.Kg1 Rh1+ Decoy 30.Kxh1 Qh4+ 31.Kg1 Qh2#]

[26.g3!= 0.06/22 and White is okay. Rc4 27.Qg2]



26...Rf4!-+ 27.Qe3? -7.40/26

[27.Qxe5? perishes. Qh4+ *(27...Rxf2?* loses. *28.Bxc8* Pin *Qh4+ 29.Qh2+-)* 28.Kg1 Qxf2+ 29.Kh1 Rh4+-+]

[27.Qxf4 -3.93/22 Bxf4 28.Bxc8 Qh4+ 29.Kg1 Bh2+ *(29...Bxc8 30.Re8+ Kh7 31.Rxc8=)* 30.Kf1 Qc4+ *(30...Bxc8 31.Re8+ Kh7 32.Rxc8=)* 31.Re2 Qxc8 32.Re4]

27...Rh4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/Black=0.16 (very precise)

[27...Qxb7 28.Qxe5 Bh3 29.Rd5∓ *(29.Qxf4? Qxg2#)*]

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C07

□ **Moutousis,Konstantinos** **2303**

■ **Harikrishnan,A Ra** **2468**

Piraeus GM (4) 27.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

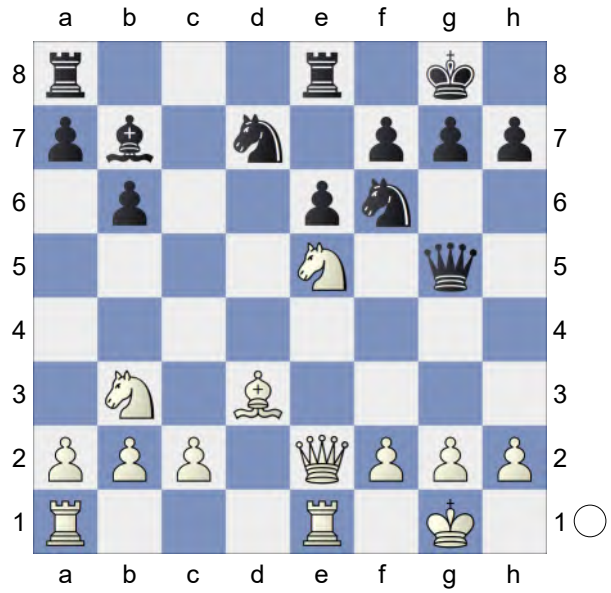
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.N2f3 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Bc5 9.Nb3N** White has an edge.

[9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2 Bxd4 13.Nxd4 Qb6 14.Nb3 Rfc8 15.c4 Ne7 16.Bc3 Nf5 17.Rfd1 Qc7 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.Rxd4 Nf8 20.Rg4 Ng6 21.h4 Qc5 22.Rg3 e5 23.h5 Nf4 1-0 9.f3 c6 10.♘b3_69217 (2627)-3.Bh4 Nh6! (2592) Cap d'Agde-A rapid 2003 (6) 24.Qg4 g6 25.Re1 f6 26.hxg6 hxg6 27.Re4 Kf8 28.Qh4 g5 29.Qh6+ 1-0 Karthikeyan,M (2627)-Bernadskiy, V (2592) Sharjah Masters 6th 2023 (6)]

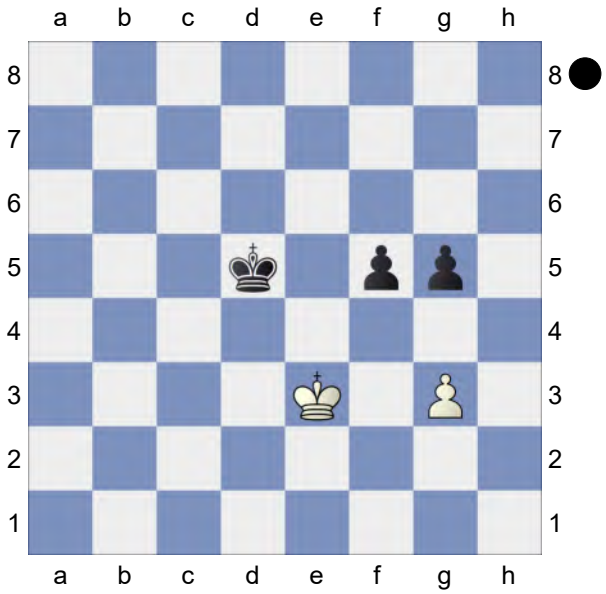
[9.Bd3 Qb6 10.c3 Nc6 11.0-0 Nxd4 12.cxd4 Bd6 13.a4 a6 14.a5 Qd8 15.Qb3 0-0 16.Be4 Bd7 17.Bg5 Qb8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bd2 Bc6 20.Ne5 Ne7 21.Bb1 Nf5 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Bf4 Bxe5 1-0 Mamedov,R (2651)-Volkov,S (2440) Chess.com Classic Play In rapid 2024 (6)]

[9.c3 0-0 10.Bd3 Bxd4 11.Nxd4 e5 12.Nb3 Qc7 13.0-0 a5 14.Qf3 Be6 15.Qg3 Na6 16.Rfe1 a4 17.c4 Nf4 18.Nd4 Rad8 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Bxf4 Rxf4 21.Qh3 g6 22.Qxe6+ Kg7 23.Bf1 Rf5 Chapter 8 - 3.Nd2 c5-4. Ngf3 2023]

9...Bd6 10.Bc4 0-0 11.0-0 Nf6 12.Bg5 Qc7 13.Bd3 -0.24/19
[⌓13.Bxf6 0.21/19 gxf6 14.Qe2]
13...Nbd7= 14.Re1 b6 15.Bh4 Bb7 16.Bg3 Bf4 -0.16/20
[16...Bxg3∓ -0.65/20 deserves consideration. 17.hxg3 Rfe8]
17.Qe2 Rfe8 18.Bxf4 Qxf4 19.Ne5 Qg5



20.f3 Rad8 21.Nxd7 Rxd7 22.Qe5
[22.Bb5? Bxf3 23.Qxf3 *(23.Qf1? Bxg2* Deflection *24.Qxg2 Qxb5-+)* 23...Qxb5-+]
[22.f4 feels hotter. Qxf4 23.Bb5 Ng4 24.g3]
22...Qh6 23.Qe3
[23.a4 is interesting. Rc8 24.a5 Qh4 25.axb6 axb6 26.Qb5]
23...Qxe3+ 24.Rxe3 Black must now prevent Bd3-b5. **24...Red8 25.Ree1 Nd5 26.Bb5 Rd6 27.c3 Nf4 28.Nd4 Rd5 29.Bf1 Kf8 30.g3 e5 31.Nb3 Ng6** -0.20/21
[31...Nd3∓ -0.58/23 32.Bxd3 Rxd3 33.Rxe5 f6 *(33...Bxf3 34.Rae1∓; 33...Rxf3 34.Rae1=)*]
32.Be2 a5 Hoping for ...a5-a4. **33.a4 R5d6 34.Red1 Bc6 35.Rxd6 Rxd6 36.Kf2 Ne7 37.Bb5 Bxb5 38.axb5∓** Endgame. KRN-KRN **38...Nc8** -0.09/19
[38...Nf5!∓ -0.69/20]
39.Ke3 Rh6 40.Nd2 b2-b4 is the strong threat. **40...Nd6**
[40...Rxh2?! 41.b4±]
41.c4 -0.79/23
[41.h4!= -0.01/23]
41...Rxh2∓ 42.c5 -1.13/24 White is on the road to losing. **42...bxc5** And now ... c5-c4 would win. **43.Rxa5?** -3.04/24
[43.b6∓ -1.45/20 keeps fighting.]
43...c4-+ 44.b6 Nf5+ 45.Ke4 Rxd2 46.Kxf5 Rxb2 KR-KR **47.Rc5 Rxb6** aiming for ...Rb6-b3. **48.Rxc4 Rf6+ 49.Ke4 g6 50.Rc5 Re6 51.Rxe5?** -10.33/33
[51.g4 -2.81/25]
51...Ke7 52.Kf4 Rxe5 53.Kxe5 K3P-KPP **53...f6+ 54.Kd5 Kd7 55.f4 f5 56.Ke5 Ke7** Strongly threatening ... Ke7-f7. **57.Kd4 Ke6 58.Kc4 h6** Threatens to win with ...Ke6-d6. **59.Kd4 Kd6 60.Kc4 g5 61.fxg5 hxg5** KPP-KP **62.Kd4 Ke6 63.Kd3 Kd5 64.Ke3**



Ke5? -0.01/28
[64...Kc4! -#23/33 mates 65.Kd2 Kd4 66.Ke2 Ke4 67.Kf2 Kd3 68.Kf3 g4+

69.Kf2 Kd2 70.Kf1 Ke3 71.Kg2 Ke2 72.Kg1 Kf3 73.Kf1 Kxg3 74.Ke2 f4 75.Kd3 f3 76.Ke3 f2 77.Ke2 Kg2 *(77...f1Q+ 78.Kxf1 Kh2 79.Kf2 g3+ 80.Ke3 g2 81.Ke4 g1Q 82.Kd5 Qb6 83.Kc4 Kg3 84.Kd5 Kf4 85.Kc4 Ke4 86.Kc3 Qb5 87.Kc2 Qb4 88.Kd1 Kd3 89.Kc1 Qb8 90.Kd1 Qb1#)* 78.Ke3 g3 *(78...f1B 79.Ke4 g3 80.Kf5 Kh3 81.Kg6 g2 82.Kg7 g1Q+ 83.Kf7 Qd4 84.Ke7 Qe5+ 85.Kd8 Bb5 86.Kc8 Qg7 87.Kb8 Ba6 88.Ka8 Qb7#; 78...f1Q 79.Kd4 Kh3 80.Ke4 g3 81.Ke5 g2 82.Ke4 g1Q 83.Kd5 Qf5+ 84.Kc4 Qgc5+ 85.Kb3 Qfc2#)* 79.Ke4 Kh3 *(79...f1B 80.Kf4 Kh2 81.Kg5 Bc4 82.Kh5 g2 83.Kg6 g1Q+ 84.Kf6 Qb6+ 85.Kg7 Kh3 86.Kh7 Qg1 87.Kh6 Bd3 88.Kh5 Qg6#; 79...f1Q 80.Ke5 Qb5+ 81.Kf4 Kf1 82.Kxg3 Qf5 83.Kh4 Qg6 84.Kh3 Qg5 85.Kh2 Qh4#)* 80.Kf5 g2 *(80...f1B 81.Kf6 g2 82.Kg5 g1Q+ 83.Kf5 Qd4 84.Ke6 Qc5 85.Kf7 Bc4+ 86.Kg6 Kh4 87.Kh7 Qg5 88.Kh8 Qh6#; 80...f1Q+ 81.Ke4 g2 82.Ke3 g1Q+ 83.Ke4 Qc4+ 84.Ke5 Qg7+ 85.Kf5 Qcg4#)* 81.Kf4 f1Q+ *(81...g1R 82.Kf3 f1Q+ 83.Ke4 Qc4+ 84.Kf5 Re1 85.Kg6 Qg8+ 86.Kh5 Rh1 87.Kh6 Kg4#)* 82.Ke3 g1Q+ 83.Ke4 Qc4+ 84.Ke5 Qg7+ 85.Kf5 Qcg4#]

65.Kf3? -#21/32

[65.Kd3= -0.01/28 Kd5 *(65...f4 66.Ke2=)* 66.Ke3 Kc4 67.Kd2 Kd4 68.Ke2 Ke4 69.Kf2 Kd3 70.Kf3 g4+ 71.Kf2 *(71.Kf4* leads to mate. *Ke2 72.Ke5 Kf3 73.Kxf5 Kxg3 74.Ke4 Kf2 75.Ke5 g3 76.Kf6 Kf3 77.Kg7 g2 78.Kf8 g1Q 79.Ke7 Qd4 80.Kf7 Kf4 81.Kg6 Qb6+ 82.Kf7 Kf5 83.Kf8 Kf6 84.Ke8 Qd4 85.Kf8 Qd8#)* 71...Kd2 72.Kg1 Ke1 73.Kg2 Ke2 74.Kg1 Kf3 75.Kf1 Kxg3 76.Ke2 f4 77.Kd3 f3 78.Ke3 f2 79.Ke2 Kg2 *(79...f1Q+* is a self mate. *80.Kxf1 Kh2 81.Kf2 g3+ 82.Kf3 Kh3 83.Kf4 g2 84.Ke5 g1Q 85.Kd6 Qb6+ 86.Kd5 Qb5+ 87.Kd4 Kg3 88.Kc3 Kf2 89.Kc2 Ke2 90.Kc3 Ke3 91.Kc2 Qb4 92.Kc1 Kd3 93.Kd1 Qd2#)* 80.Kd3 Kf3 *(80...f1B+ 81.Ke4 g3 82.Ke5 Kh2 83.Kf6 g2 84.Kg6 g1Q+ 85.Kf7 Bc4+ 86.Ke7 Qd4 87.Ke8 Qg7 88.Kd8 Bb5 89.Kc8 Bc6 90.Kd8 Qd7#; 80...f1Q+ 81.Kd4 g3 82.Ke5 Qb5+ 83.Kf6 Kf3 84.Kg6 Qe8+ 85.Kh7 g2 86.Kh6 g1Q 87.Kh7 Qh5#)* 81.Kc4 g3 *(81...f1B+ 82.Kd5 g3 83.Ke6 g2 84.Kf6 g1Q 85.Kf7 Bc4+ 86.Ke7 Qd4 87.Ke8 Qg7 88.Kd8 Be6 89.Ke8 Qf7+ 90.Kd8 Qd7#; 81...f1Q+ 82.Kc5 Qa6 83.Kd4 g3 84.Ke5 g2 85.Kd4 g1Q+ 86.Kd5 Qg4 87.Ke5 Qae6#)* 82.Kd3 f1Q+ *(82...f1B+ 83.Kc3 g2 84.Kb4 g1Q 85.Kc3 Qb6 86.Kc2 Qb4 87.Kc1 Ke3 88.Kc2 Bd3+ 89.Kd1 Qd2#)* 83.Kd4 g2 84.Ke5 g1Q *(84...g1R 85.Kf6 Qa6+ 86.Kf7 Qb7+ 87.Kf6 Kf4 88.Ke6 Rg6#)* 85.Ke6 Qa6+ 86.Ke7 Qg7+ 87.Ke8 Qc8#]

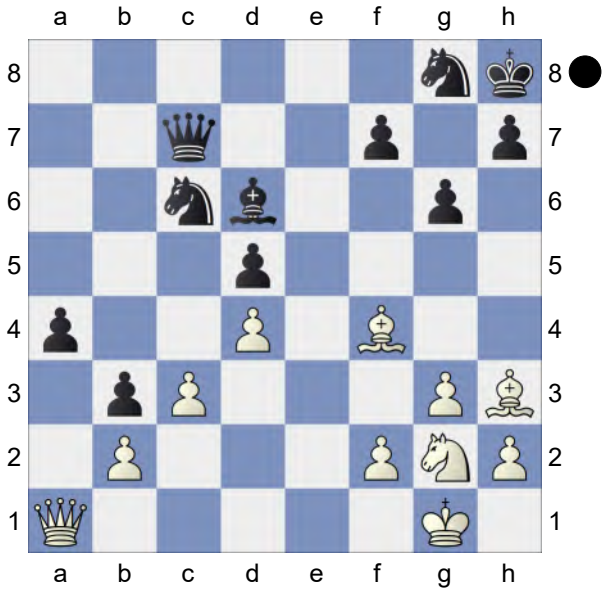
65...Kd4 66.Ke2 Ke4 67.Kf2 f4 68.Ke2 fxg3 69.Kf1 Kf3 70.Kg1 g2 (→ ...g5-g4) **71.Kh2 Kf2 72.Kh3 g1R**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.25 (precise)

0-1

C08
□ **Szwed,Jacek** **2329**
■ **Willow,Jonah B** **2414**
Olomouc GM 25th (5) 13.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C08: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 sidelines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0**
[7.h3 Nh5 8.Nb3 a5 9.Ne5 g6 10.Bh6 Re8 11.0-0 Bg5 12.Bxg5 Qxg5 13.Qf3 Rf8 14.Rae1 a4 15.Nc1 Nf4 16.Qg3 Qxg3 17.fxg3 Ne6 18.c3 f6 19.Ng4 Kg7 20.Ne2 c6 21.a3 b6 ½-½ Safarli,E (2609)-Mammadov,Z (2408) Skopje op 2023 (7)]
7...Bg4 8.c3N
[8.Re1 Nc6 9.c3 Bd6 10.Nf1 Qd7 11.Ne3 Bh5 12.Nf5 Rfe8 13.Rxe8+ Rxe8 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.g3 Ne4 16.Kg2 Qf6 17.Be3 Ne7 18.Be2 Nf5 19.Bf4 Bxf3+ 20.Bxf3 Nh4+ 21.gxh4 Qxf4 22.Bxe4 dxe4 0-1 Enhbat,P (2245)-Shaposhnikov,N (2560) Amato mem corr 1982 (7) 23.Qh5 Re6 24.Re1 Rg6+ 25.Kf1 Qxh2 26.Qf5 Qg2+ 27.Ke2 Qg4+ 28.Qxg4 Rxg4 29.Rh1 f5 30.c4 Kf7 31.b4 f4 32.b5 Kf6 33.Rh3 Rg2 34.Kf1 f3 35.Rg3 Rxg3 36.fxg3 e3 37.g4 h5 0-1 Demirkol,K (1897)-Sumets,A (2506) Alicante Easter op 7th 2023 (1)]
8...c5 is the legacy move (8...Nbd7). ist old school (8...Sbd7). **9.Qc2 c4N**
[Vorgänger: 9...Nc6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.Nbd4 Rc8 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Ne5 Be6 15.Bg5 Black must now prevent Bd3xh7+! h6 16.Bh4 Bc7 0.85/17 ;½-½ Schnock,S (2088)-Heigermoser,R (2076) GER-chT U20 Kelbra 2006 (7.3) *(16...g5=* 0.06/20 *17.Bg3 Ne4)*]
10.Bf5 Bxf3 0.45/22
[Black should try 10...Bxf5= -0.08/19 11.Qxf5 Bd6]
11.Nxf3± White is slightly better. **11...g6 12.Bh3 Nc6 13.Bh6 Re8 14.Ng5** -0.28/21
[White should play 14.Rae1± 0.56/18]
14...Bd6 0.29/22
[⌓14...Bf8 -0.28/21 15.Bxf8 Kxf8]
15.Rae1 Qc7 16.g3 Kh8 0.57/20
[Better is 16...Bf8= -0.18/21 17.Bxf8 Rxf8]
17.Qd2 Ng8 18.Nf3 b5 19.Rxe8 Rxe8 20.Re1 0.01/21
[20.Bg2± 0.43/19]
20...Rxe1+= 21.Nxe1 b4 22.Ng2 b3 0.93/22
[22...bxc3= -0.14/23 23.bxc3 Qb7]
23.axb3± cxb3 24.Bf4 a5 25.Qd1 0.01/24
[25.Bxd6± 0.94/23 Qxd6 26.Qe2]
25...a4↑ Black is more active. **26.Qa1**

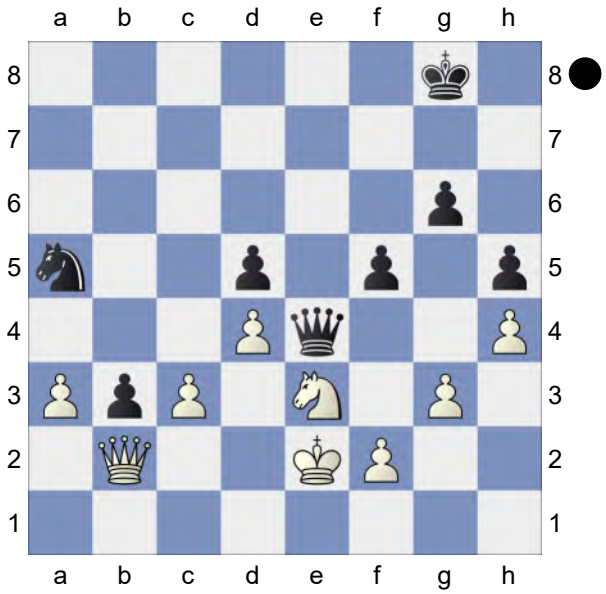


a3 27.Bxd6
[27.bxa3 Na5]
27...Qxd6 28.bxa3
[28.Qxa3? Qxa3 29.bxa3 b2-+]

28...Nf6 29.Ne3 Qb8 Black has compensation. **30.Qb2 Na5! 31.Bf1** Wards off Na5-c4 **31...Qc7 32.Bg2 Qd7 33.h3** -1.10/22
[33.Bf1= -0.01/24]
33...Kg8 -0.22/21
[33...Qb5∓ -1.10/22 Threatening ... Na5-c4. 34.Bf1 Nc4]
34.Kf1? -2.04/22
[34.g4= -0.22/21]
34...Qe6 -0.72/22
[34...Qa4-+ -2.04/22 35.h4 *(35.Bxd5? Nxd5 36.Nd1 Qc6-+; 35.Nxd5? Qc4+ 36.Ke1 Nxd5-+)* 35...Nc4 36.Nxc4 dxc4]
35.Ke2 -1.34/23
[⌓35.Ke1 -0.72/22]
35...h5 -0.74/21 Black is more active.
[⌓35...Qb6! -1.34/23 36.Kd1 *(36.Nxd5? Qb5+ 37.Ke1 Nxd5-+)* 36...Nc4 37.Nxc4 dxc4]
36.Kd1∓ Ne4 -0.01/24
[36...Nc4∓ -0.76/22 37.Qxb3 Nxe3+ 38.fxe3 Qxe3 39.Qb8+ *(39.Bxd5 Qd3+ 40.Ke1 Qxg3+ 41.Ke2 Qh2+ 42.Ke1 Qg3+ 43.Ke2 Nxd5∓)* 39...Kg7]
37.Bxe4 -0.86/22
[37.Kc1= -0.01/24]
37...Qxe4= Endgame. KQN-KQN. Black converts the advantage convincingly.
38.Ke2? -4.72/23 Against Qe4-f3+
[38.h4∓ -0.82/24 is a better chance.]
38...f5? -0.42/22
[38...h4-+ -4.72/23 39.g4 f5 40.gxf5 gxf5]
39.h4 -4.12/22
[39.c4!∓ -0.42/22]

(Diagram)

39...g5!-+ 40.hxg5 h4 ...h4-h3 would



now be deadly. **41.c4 h3** Hoping for ... h3-h2. **42.Qc3 Nc6** (→ ...h3-h2)
[42...Nxc4 43.Qxb3 Nxe3 *(43...h2 44.Qb8+ Kf7 45.g6+ Kg7 46.Qb7+ Kxg6 47.Qc6+ Kh5 48.Qc7=)* 44.Qb8+ *(44.Qxe3? h2-+)* 44...Kf7 45.fxe3=]
[42...h2 43.Qxa5 h1Q *(43...h1B? 44.Qa8+ Kh7 45.Qb7+ Kg6 46.Qb6+ Kxg5 47.f4+ Kh5 48.Qf6+-)* 44.Qa8+ Kf7 45.Qb7+ Kf8 *(45...Kg6? 46.Qb6+ Kf7 47.Qf6+ Ke8 48.Qc6+ Ke7 49.Qb7+ Kf8 50.Qb4+ Qe7 51.Qb8+ Kg7 52.Qxb3-+)* 46.Qb8+ Qe8 47.Qxb3-+]
43.cxd5 Nxd4+
[43...Qxd4? 44.Qxc6 Qb2+ 45.Kf3+-]
44.Kd2 Nf3+? -0.01/24
[44...h2-+ -4.78/22 45.Qc8+ Kf7 46.Qc7+ Kf8 *(46...Kg6 47.Qb6+ Kf7 48.Qf6+ Ke8 49.Qh8+ Kd7 50.Qg7+ Kc8 51.Qf8+ Kb7 52.Qg7+ Kb8 53.Qf8+ Ka7 54.Qg7+ Kb6 55.Qf6+ Ka7 56.Qg7+ Kb8 57.Qh8+ Kb7 58.Qg7+ Kb8=)* 47.Qc5+ Qe7 48.Qxd4 *(48.d6? Nf3+ 49.Kc3*

Qe5+ 50.Qxe5 Nxe5-+) 48...h1Q *(48...h1B? 49.d6+-)*]

45.Ke2? -6.83/23

[45.Kc1= -0.01/24]

45...Nd4+? 0.01/22

[45...Nxg5 46.Qc8+ *(46.Qxb3? h2-+)* 46...Kh7 47.Qd7+ *(47.Qxf5+? Qxf5 48.Nxf5 b2-+)* 47...Kg6 48.Qc6+ Kh5 49.Qf6=]

[45...h2-+ -6.83/23 46.Qc8+ Kg7 47.Qb7+ Kf8 *(47...Kg6 48.Qb6+ Kg7 49.Qf6+ Kg8 50.Qg6+ Kf8 51.Qf6+ Ke8 52.Qg6+ Kd7 53.Qc6+ Ke7 54.Qf6+ Kd7 55.Qc6+ Kd8 56.Qd6+ Kc8 57.Qc6+ Kd8 58.Qd6+ Kc8 59.Qc5+ Kd7 60.Qc6+=)* 48.Qc8+ *(48.g6? Ne5-+)* 48...Qe8 49.Qxf5+ Qf7 50.Qc8+ *(50.Kxf3 h1Q+ 51.Kf4 b2 52.Qxf7+ Kxf7 53.Ng4 b1Q 54.Ne5+ Ke7 55.Nc6+ Kd6 56.f3 Qhd1 57.a4 Qxd5 58.g4 Qh1 59.g6 Qhxf3#)* 50...Kg7]

46.Kd2= Nf3+? 0.01/21

[46...h2-+ -4.78/20 47.Qc8+ Kg7 48.Qb7+ Kf8 49.Qb4+ Kf7 50.g6+ Decoy Kxg6 51.Qb6+ Ne6 Promotion *(51...Kh5? 52.Qb8-+)* 52.dxe6 h1Q *(52...h1R? 53.e7+ Kg7 54.e8Q+-)* 53.e7+ Kf7 54.Qxb3+ Kxe7]

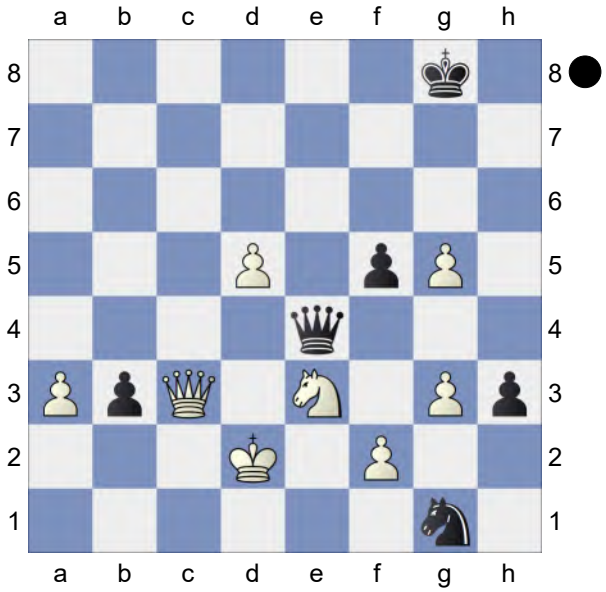
47.Ke2 Ng1+? 0.01/25

[47...Nxg5 48.Qc8+ *(48.Qxb3? h2-+)* 48...Kg7 49.Qc3+ *(49.Qxf5? Qxf5 50.Nxf5+ Kf6-+)* 49...Kf7 50.Qc7+ *(50.Qxb3? h2-+)* 50...Kg6 51.Qc6+ *(51.Qb6+ Kg7-+)* 51...Kg7 *(51...Kh5 52.Qf6=)* 52.Qc3+ Kf7 53.Qc7+ *(53.Qxb3? h2-+)* 53...Kg6 54.Qc6+ *(54.Qb6+ Kg7-+)* 54...Kg7 *(54...Kh5 55.Qf6=)* 55.Qc3+=]

[47...h2-+ -6.49/23 48.Qc8+ Kg7 49.Qd7+ Kf8 *(49...Kg6 50.Qd6+ Kf7 51.Qf6+ Kg8 52.Qg6+ Kf8 53.Qf6+ Ke8 54.Qg6+ Ke7 55.Qf6+ Ke8 56.Qg6+ Kd8 57.Qd6+ Ke8 58.Qg6+=)* 50.Qc8+ Qe8 51.Qxf5+ Qf7 52.Qc8+ *(52.Kxf3 Qxf5+ 53.Nxf5 h1Q+ 54.Kg4 Qe4+ 55.f4 b2 56.Nh4 b1Q 57.g6 Qd1+ 58.Kg5 Qe7+ 59.Kh6 Qg4)* 52...Kg7]

48.Kd2? -4.04/25

[48.Kd1!= 0.01/25 and White is okay.]



48...Qe8!-+ 49.Qc6

[49.Nxf5 Qe2+ 50.Kc1 Qf1+ *(50...Qxf2 51.Qg7#)* 51.Kb2 Qxf2+ 52.Kxb3 Qxf5-+]

49...Nf3+ 50.Kc1 Qxc6+ Black is clearly winning. **51.dxc6 h2**

[51...Nxg5? 52.c7 *(52.Nxf5 h2=)* 52...h2 53.c8Q++- *(53.c8R+ Kh7=)*]

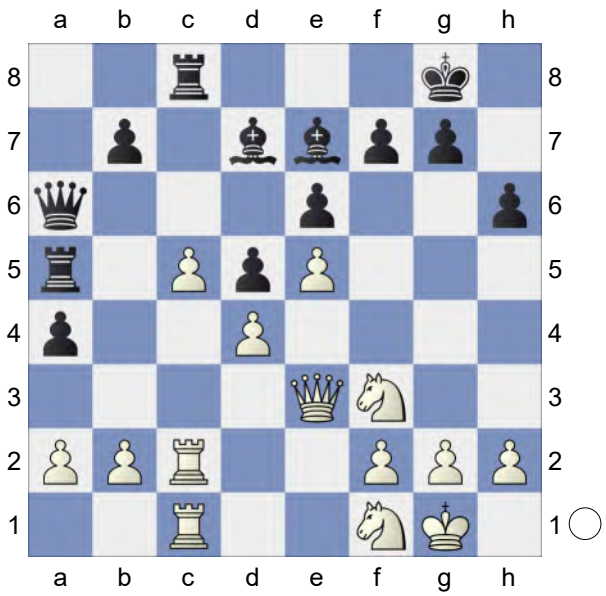
52.c7 h1Q+ 53.Kb2 Qh8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/Black=0.77

[53...Nxg5? perishes. 54.c8Q+ *(54.c8R+? loses. Kf7-+)* 54...Kg7 55.Nxf5+ *(55.Qxf5 Ne4+-)* 55...Kf6 56.Qf8+ *(56.Kxb3 Qb1+ 57.Ka4 Qe4+ 58.Kb5 Qd5+ 59.Qc5 Qb3+ 60.Ka6 Ne6=)* 56...Nf7 57.Nd6+-

(57.Kxb3 Qd5+ 58.Kc3 Qxf5=)]
0-1

C03
□ **Bovay,James J** **2715**
■ **Rogozenco,D.** **2748**
AUT-chT Austria (11) 29.05.2000
[Kitty Kat]

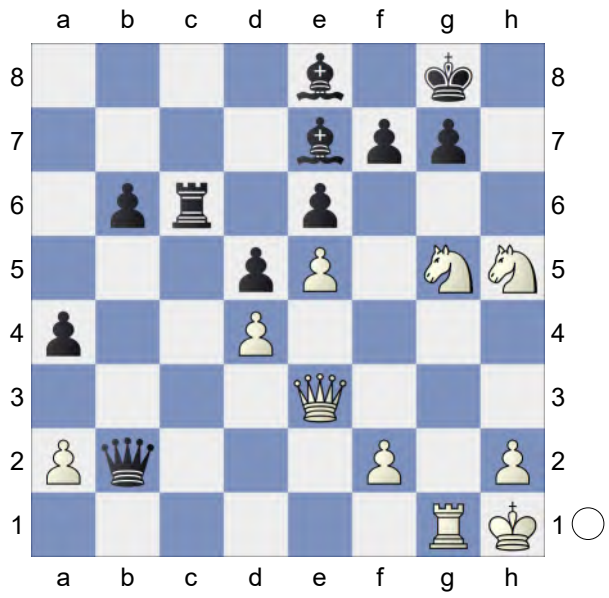
C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Bd3 c5 5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Qe2 Nc6 7.Ngf3 Nb4 8.Nb3 Nxd3+ 9.cxd3 a5 10.Bg5 a4** Threatens to win with ... d5xe4. The position is equal. **11.Nbd2 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.e5** 0.15/23
[13.0-0± 0.57/21]
[13.exd5 a3 14.d4 0-0 15.d6 axb2 16.Rb1 b6 17.Ne4 bxc5 18.Nxf6+ Qxf6 19.Qe5 cxd4 20.Rxb2 Qxe5+ 21.Nxe5 f6 22.Nc6 Ra6 23.Nxd4 Rxd6 24.Nb3 Ba6 25.f3 Bc4 26.Kf2 Ra8 27.Rc1 Bd5 1-0 Adams,H (1738)-Pousada Garcia,D (2077) Cambridge op 2023 (7)]
13...Be7= 14.Rc1 Ra5 0.44/23
[14...Qa5!= -0.04/21 15.Qe3 b6 16.cxb6 Bd8 17.Qc5 Qxc5 18.Rxc5 Bxb6 19.Rc2 0-0 20.Nf1 Ba6 21.Ke2 Bb5 22.Ne3 f5 23.Rhc1 Rab8 24.a3 g5 25.h3 Kg7 26.Rb1 Kg6 27.Rcc1 h5 28.Nc2 g4 29.Nfd4 Bd7 0-1 8.♘f3 c5 9.♗g5 0-0_66016 (2485)-Sethuraman,S (2756) corr 1991 (2.1)]
15.Qe3
[Don't play 15.d4 b6 16.Qe3 bxc5∓]
15...0-0N 16.0-0! Bd7 17.Rc2 Qa8 18.Rfc1 Rc8 19.Nf1 Qa7 20.d4 Qa6 1.05/19
[20...Qa8± 0.53/22]



21.Ng3 0.65/20
[21.g4!± 1.05/19]
21...b6 1.99/21
[Black should play 21...Bb5± 0.65/20]
22.c6+- Be8 23.Nh5 aiming for g2-g4.
23...Qb5? 3.53/21 Loses the game.
[23...b5± 1.41/20 24.Qf4 *(24.c7 Qb6±)* 24...Bf8]
24.g4
[Weaker is 24.c7 Ra7±]
24...Ra7 4.60/22
[⌓24...Kh8 3.05/20 25.g5 hxg5 26.Nxg5 Ra7]
25.g5 White is clearly winning. **25...hxg5**
26.Nxg5 Rac7 27.Kh1 Rxc6 7.05/25
[⌓27...a3 4.63/20]
28.Rxc6 Rxc6 29.Rg1 Qxb2

(Diagram)

30.Nxg7! Intending Qe3-h3! and mate. Decoy **30...Qc3**
[30...Qa3 31.Nxe8]
31.Nxe8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.51
1-0



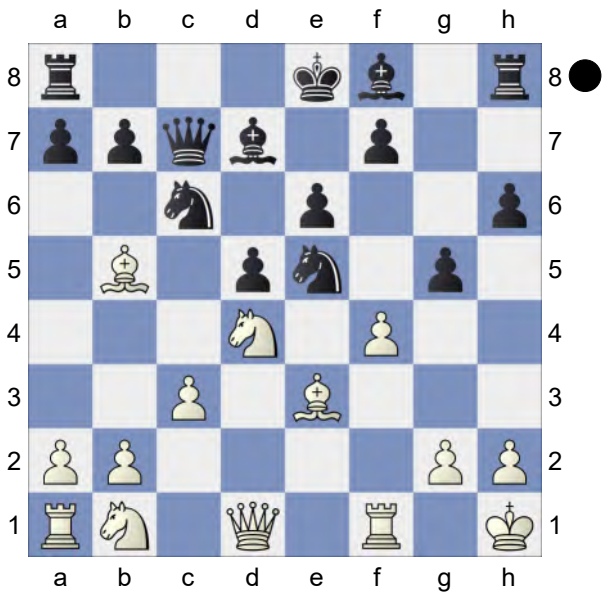
C03

□ **Alsina Leal,Daniel** **2493**
■ **Latorre Lopez Moreira,Luis Matias**
Barcelona Sants op 25th (4) 26.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves John Watson: 'RR: 'Inf 89/(247)" **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 h6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.0-0** White is slightly better. **8...g5! 9.Nb1N** -0.24/21
[9.h3± 0.48/18]
[9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Nb3 Bb6 *(10...Be7 11.c4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Ndxe5 13.Qe2 Nxc4 14.Qxc4 Bf6 15.Be3 0-0 16.Rfd1 Qc7 17.h4 g4 18.Qxg4+ Kh7 19.Qh5 Bg7 20.Rac1 f6 21.Nc5 Qa5 22.Qg4 e5 23.Ne6 Rf7 24.h5 Qxa2 25.Qg6+* 1-0 Radoszta,A (1867)-Rodriguez Caimmi,F (1651) ARG-ch sf 99th 2024 (6)*)* 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Bb5 Nc5 13.Be3 Nxb3 14.axb3 Bd7 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.b4 c5 17.bxc5 Bxc5 18.Bxc5 Qxc5 19.Nd4 Rb8 20.Ra2 a5 21.Nb3 Qc4 22.Rxa5 Ba4 23.Nd2 Bxd1 Shaw,J (2465)-Eingorn,V (2607) 89/(247) Bad Wiessee 2003]
[9.Bb1 g4 10.Ne1 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxg4 Qb6 13.Nd3 h5 14.Qd1 Bg7 15.Re1 f6 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Nb3 Ne4 18.Be3 Bd7 19.Nf4 0-0 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Nxd4 e5 22.Nb3 Qb5 23.Qd5+ Kh7 0-1 Fedorchuk,S (2673)-Naiditsch,A (2710) Hrvatska 122/78 2014 24.Qxb5 Bxb5 25.Nxh5 Bh8 26.Ng3 Rg8 27.Nc5 Bc6 28.Ncxe4 Raf8 29.f3 Rg6 30.Rad1 Bf6 31.Bc5 Rfg8 32.Nxf6+ Rxf6 33.Rxe5 Be8 34.Re7+ Bf7 35.Rxb7 a5 36.Rdd7 Kg6 37.Bd4 Rf4 38.Be5 a4 1-0 Galkin,S (2650)-Villaescusa Navalon,M (2420) EM/M/A089 ICCF Email 2000]
9...Qb6 10.Kh1 -0.57/21
[10.Na3= 0.00/20]
10...cxd4∓ 11.Nxd4 -0.99/20
[11.cxd4= -0.28/21 g4 *(11...Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Nc3±)* 12.Ne1]
11...Ndxe5∓ 12.Bb5 -1.27/19
[White should try 12.Be2 -0.82/19]
12...Bd7 -0.72/19
[Black should play 12...a6 -1.27/19 13.Be2 Nxd4]
13.Be3 Strongly threatening Nd4xc6.
13...Qc7 14.f4

(Diagram)

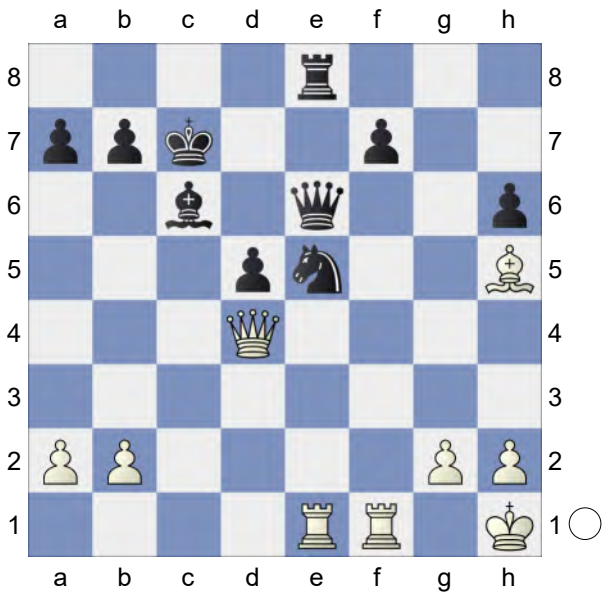
gxf4 15.Bxf4 Qd1-h5 is the strong threat. **15...Bd6 16.Be2** -0.92/20 Wards off h6-h5
[16.Qh5= -0.26/19 keeps the balance.]
16...Nxd4 -0.36/21
[Better is 16...a6∓ -0.92/20 17.Nd2 h5]
17.cxd4 Ng6⇄ Black is not holding back



18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Nd2 Bc6 0.39/19
[19...0-0= -0.18/19]
20.Bh5 e5? 3.69/21 This costs Black the game.
[20...Bb5= 0.08/19 and Black stays safe. 21.Rf2 0-0-0]
21.dxe5+- Nxe5 5.05/22
[21...Qe6 2.79/20 keeps fighting. 22.Nf3 0-0-0]
22.Ne4 Pin **22...Qe6** 6.52/23
[22...Qb4 3.99/21]
23.Nf6+ White is clearly winning.
23...Kd8 24.Qd4 aiming for Ra1-e1.
24...Kc7 25.Rae1 Rhe8 26.Nxe8+ Rxe8

(Diagram)

27.Bxf7! Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.77
1-0



C06
□ **Perez Berenguer,Valentin** **2678**
■ **Grabinsky,Joshua** **2589**
Davis sim 2004
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 b6 7.Ne2 Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.Nf3 b5**
[9...Be7 10.0-0 b5 11.Nf4 g6 12.Re1 b4 13.c4 Nb6 14.cxd5 exd5 15.e6 f6 16.Qc2 Qd6 17.a3 c4 18.axb4 Nxb4 19.Qe2 a5 20.Nh4 Rg8 21.g3 Nc6 22.Be3 0-0-0 23.Nf3 Kb7 24.Bd2 1-0 Nasybullin,V (2673)-Michalski,O (2570) Vereinsmeisterschaft 2000 VR G2 (2.8)]
[9...Nc7 10.h4 Nb8 11.Nf4 Nc6 12.Kf1 Qd7 13.g3 f6 French Defence Tarrasch-3.Nd2 Nf6,3 2018]
10.0-0 Nb6 11.a4N
[11.Bg5 Qd7 12.Nd2 h6 13.Be3 c4 14.f4 g6 15.g4 h5 16.f5 hxg4

17.fxg6 fxg6 18.Bg5 Bh6 19.Bxh6 Rxh6 20.Ng3 Rh4 21.Rf4 Qh7 22.Ndf1 0-0-0 23.b3 Rh8 24.Rf2 Nc7 25.a4 cxb3 0-1 Janos,J-Rausch, W EU/M/GT/388 corr 1994]

11...c4 1.34/22

[Black should play 11...bxa4 0.80/20 12.Rxa4 Nb8]

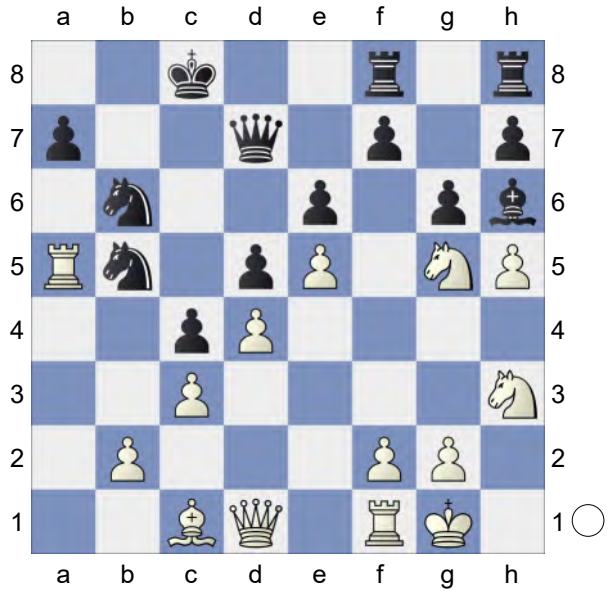
12.axb5± Nc7 White is better. **13.Ra5** White is more active. **13...Qd7** 1.69/23

[13...Be7± 1.13/22 14.Bf4 Nc8]

14.Nf4+- g6 2.23/21 Wards off Nf4-h5

[14...Be7± 1.48/20 15.h4 0-0]

15.h4 Nxb5 16.h5 0-0-0 17.Ng5 Bh6 18.Nfh3 Rdf8



19.Nxe6! Discovered Attack **19...fxe6 20.Bxh6 Rf5 21.Ng5 Kb7 22.g4 Rxg5 23.Bxg5 gxh5 24.Bf6**

[24.gxh5 Rg8+-]

24...Rg8 25.g5 Qe8 26.Qc2 Rg6 27.Rfa1 Na8 14.79/20

[⌓27...Kc8 4.54/20 28.f4 Kb7]

28.Qa4 Nac7 29.Rxa7+ Nxa7 30.Qxa7+ Black is weak on the dark squares **30...Kc8 31.Qc5** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.51

1-0

C07

□ **Maltsevskaya,Aleksandra 2404**

■ **Zhukova,Natalia 2302**

Speed Chess (Women) Play In 3 blitz (8)

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0 dxe4** 0.52/22

[7...0-0= 0.13/19]

8.Nxe4± Nxe4 9.Bxe4 White is slightly better. **9...Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Bd7** 0.78/19

[10...f6± 0.42/19]

11.a3N 0.34/19

[11.Ng5± 0.78/19 f5 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Bf4 h6 14.Nf7 Kxf7 15.Rxd7+ Kf6 16.Re1 Rhg8 17.Be5+ Kg6 18.Bc3 Rad8 19.Rxe6+ Kh5 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Kf1 Rd1+ 22.Ke2 Rc1 23.Rxc6 Bb6 24.Bxg7 Rg1 25.Kf3 0-1 Bouwer,H-Hoffmann,F ICCF World Cup10 prel-011 1994]

11...a5 0.75/20

[11...Be7± 0.34/19 feels stronger.]

12.Bf4 f6

(Diagram)

13.b4! Be7

[Much worse is 13...axb4 14.axb4 Rxa1 15.Rxa1+-]

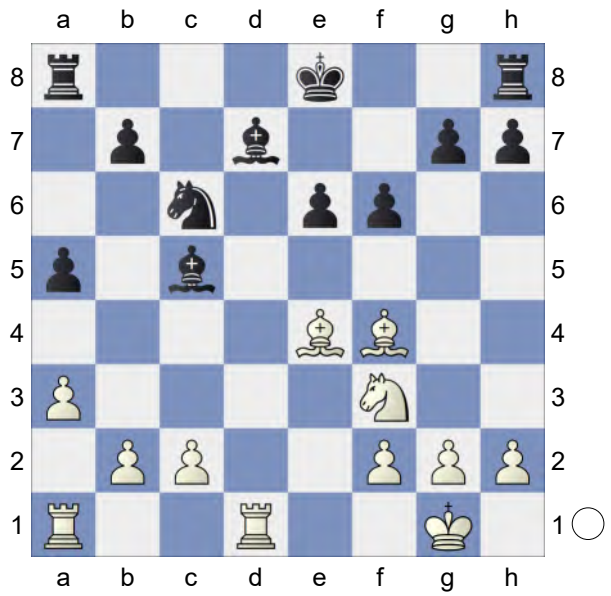
14.b5 Nd8 15.a4 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.

15...e5 16.Be3 Be6 17.Bb6↑ Black is under pressure. **17...Kf7** 1.27/20

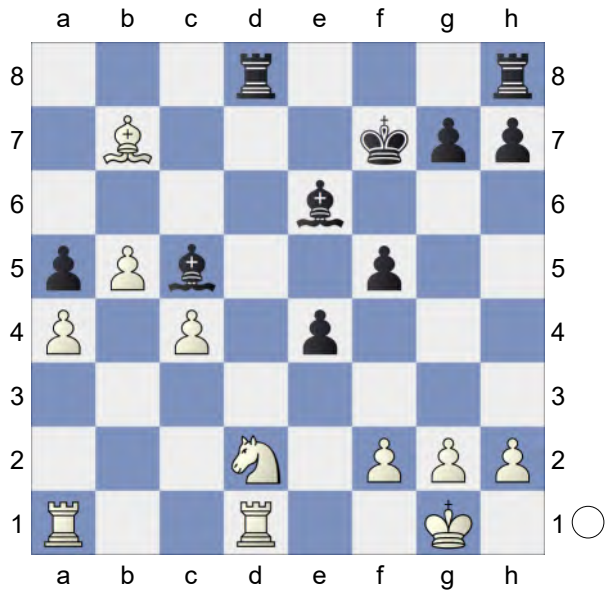
[17...0-0± 0.70/20]

18.Bxd8 0.11/23

[18.c3± 1.27/20]



18...Raxd8= 19.Bxb7 Bc5 20.Nd2 f5 0.61/21 Prevents Nd2-e4
[20...Ke7= 0.25/21]
21.c4± e4

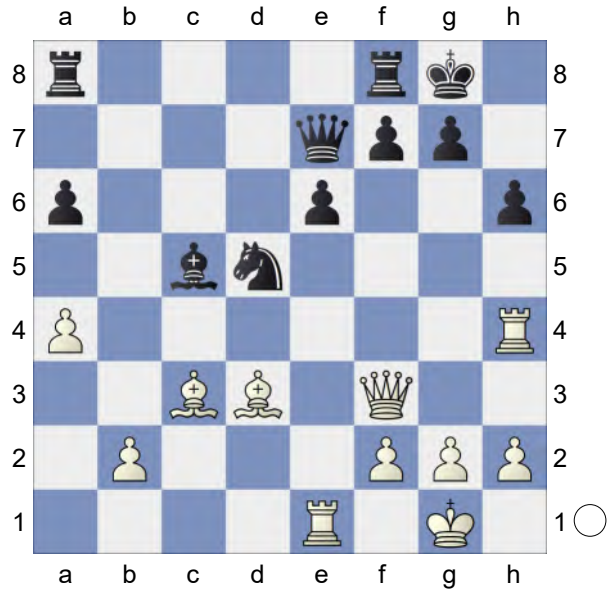


Hoping for ...e4-e3. **22.Nb3 Bb4** 1.79/23
[22...Bb6± 1.01/23 23.Bd5 Bxd5 24.cxd5 *(24.Rxd5 Rxd5 25.cxd5 Rc8-+)* 24...Rhe8]
23.Bd5+- Bxd5 24.cxd5 Rc8 2.25/21
[24...Rd6± 1.48/21 25.Rac1 Rhd8]
25.Nd4 Black must now prevent Nd4-c6!
25...Kf6? 4.97/20 Loses the game.
[25...Bc3± 1.49/19]
26.Nc6 White is clearly winning.
26...Bc5 6.92/19
[⌓26...f4 4.91/18 27.d6 Rhg8]
27.d6 Bb6 28.d7 Rcf8 29.Rd6+ Kg5 30.Rad1 f4 31.d8Q+ Bxd8 32.Nxd8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.66
1-0

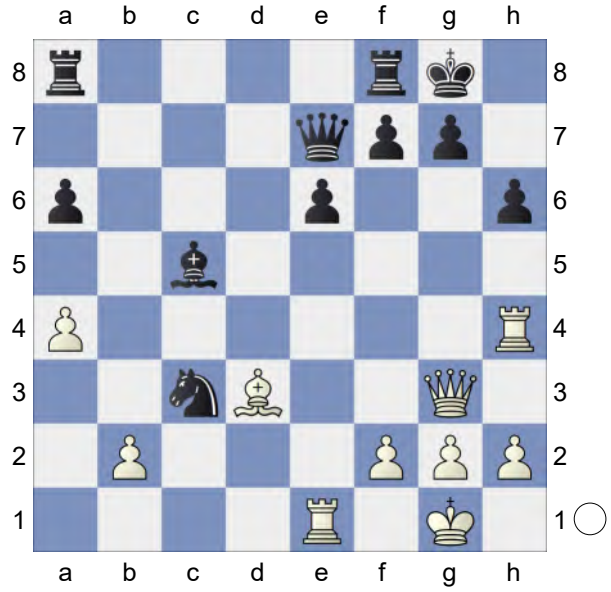
C07
□ **Song,Ethan** **2269**
■ **Vaganian,Rafael A** **2452**
Dortmund Sparkassen op-A 51st (5)
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd8 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 Nf6 9.Qe2 a6 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.Nbxd4**
[11.Nfxd4 Nxd4 12.Rxd4 Bd6=]
11...Nxd4 White is slightly better.
12.Rxd4 Bc5 13.Rh4 b5 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.a4 b4N
[15...Ke7 16.Bf4 Bd6 17.Bxd6+ Qxd6 18.Re1 g5 19.Nxg5 Qd5 20.Ne4 Rhg8 21.g3 Rac8 22.axb5 axb5 23.Qf3 Rg6 24.Rf4 Qh5 25.Rxf6 Qxf3 26.Rxf3 f5 27.Nd2 Bxf3 28.Nxf3 b4 29.b3 Kd6 30.Ne5 1-0 Gunajew,R (2251)-Palacios Perez, M (2206) IBCA Wch blind 11th 2006 (6) Rg7 31.f4 Ra8 32.Nc4+ Ke7 33.Bxf5 Kf6 34.Bd3 Ra2 35.Kf2 Rga7 36.Kf3 h6 37.Re5 Ra1 38.Rb5 Rh1 39.Kg2 Raa1 40.Rb7 Rag1+ 41.Kf3 Rxh2 42.Ne5 1-0 Moyse,N (2251)-Nakar,E (2206) (3.3) Wijk 1995 (6)]
16.Bf4 Qe7 17.Be5 h6 18.c3 -0.01/20
[18.Rf4± 0.81/20]
18...bxc3= 19.Bxc3 0-0 20.Re1 Bxf3

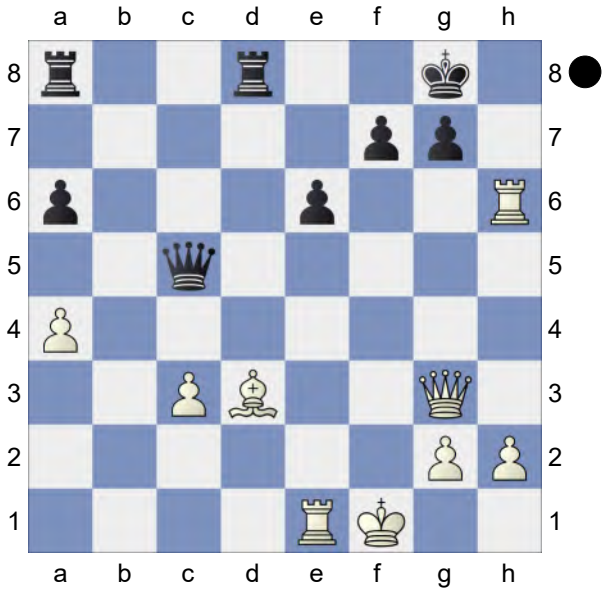
0.58/21
[20...a5= -0.26/19]
21.Qxf3± Nd5



22.Qg3 0.61/21
[22.Qe4!± 1.15/25 f5 23.Qxe6+ Qxe6 24.Rxe6 Nxc3 25.bxc3]
22...Nxc3



23.Rxh6!
[23.bxc3 Rfd8 24.Rg4 *(24.Rxh6? Rxd3 25.Qxd3 gxh6-+)* 24...Qf6=]
23...Bxf2+! Decoy **24.Kxf2** White wants to mate with Rh6-h8+! **24...Qc5+**
[24...Nxa4 25.Rh8+ *(25.Kg1 f5±)* 25...Kxh8 26.Qh3+]
25.Kf1 Intending Rh6-h8+! and mate. Really sharp! White is more active.
25...Rfd8
[And not 25...Nxa4 26.Rh8+ Kxh8 27.Qh4+]
26.bxc3 -0.01/23
[26.Rh3± 0.91/23 Nd5 *(26...Nxa4? loses. 27.Qh4+-)* 27.Qh4]



26...Rxd3!= 27.Qxd3 gxh6± Endgame. KQR-KQR **28.Qg3+ Kf8 29.Qf4 Ke7 30.Qh4+**
[30.Qxh6 simplifies Qxc3 31.Rc1 Qf6+ 32.Qxf6+ Kxf6 33.Rc6]
30...Ke8 31.Qf6 Rd8 32.Rb1 Qc4+ 33.Kg1 Qxa4 aiming for ...Rd8-d1+.
34.Rf1 Rd7 35.Qh8+
[Much less strong is 35.Qxh6 Rd1±]
35...Ke7 36.Qxh6 Qe4 37.Qf6+ Ke8 38.Qh8+ Ke7 39.Qf6+ Ke8 40.h4 Qg6 0.57/21
[40...a5= 0.06/23]
41.Qxg6± fxg6 KR-KR **42.Rf6 Rd3 43.Rxe6+** 0.01/27
[White should play 43.Rxg6± 0.62/25 Kf7 44.Rg5]
43...Kf7= The position is equal. **44.Rxa6**

Ra6-a7+ would now be deadly. **44...Rxc3 45.Kh2 Kg7 46.g3 Rb3 47.Kh3 Rb4 48.Ra5 Rc4 49.Ra7+ Kg8 50.Kg2 Rc3 51.Kf2 Rb3 52.Re7 Ra3 53.Re3 Ra4 54.Kf3 Kg7 55.Re4 Ra5 56.g4 Kf7 57.Kf4 Kf6 58.Rb4 Kf7 59.g5 Kg7 60.Rb7+ Kg8 61.Rd7 Ra4+ 62.Ke5 Rxh4 63.Kf6 Ra4 64.Rg7+**
[64.Kxg6!? Ra6+□ 65.Kh5=]
64...Kh8! Strongly threatening ...Ra4-a6+. **65.Rxg6 Ra6+ 66.Kf5**
[66.Kf7!? Ra7+□ 67.Kf6=]
66...Ra5+ 67.Kg4 Ra1 68.Rb6 Kg7 69.g6 Rg1+ 70.Kf3 Rxg6 71.Rxg6+ Kxg6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

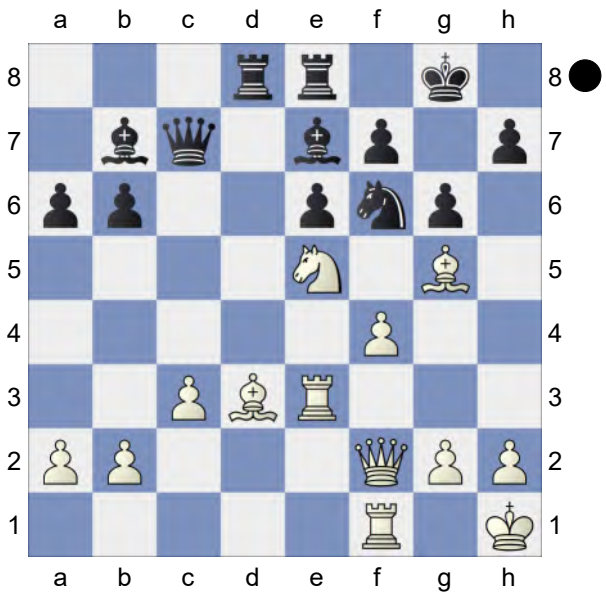
C10

□ **Sevgi,Volkan** **2288**
■ **Nikitenko,Mihail** **2540**
Uralsk op (3) 22.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Bd3 c5 8.c3** Recently 8.Be3 got a lot of attention. 8. Le3 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 a6**
[9...Bc5 10.Be3 Qe7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qc2 e5 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.Bxf5 Bxe3 15.fxe3 Rad8 16.Rad1 Rxd1 17.Rxd1 Rd8 18.h3 g6 19.Bd3 Qc5 20.Qf2 Ne4 21.Qf3 Ng5 22.Qg3 Ne6 23.Kh2 Kg7 24.Bc2 0-1 Nazari,A (2379)-Ticona Rocabado,L (2146) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Late blitz 2023 (2)]
10.0-0 Bc5 White is slightly better.
11.Nf3 Qc7N
[11...h6 12.Bf4 b5 13.Qc2 Bb7 14.Rad1 Qb6 15.Ne5 0-0 16.Bg3 Rad8 17.Bh4 Rd5 18.Bg3 Rfd8 19.Be2 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Be4 21.Bd3 Bb7 22.Kh1 1-0 Aditi,A (1602)-Sanchez Castillo,S (2064) Swiss Queens Wed #6 blitz 2024 (8)]
12.Qe2 b6 13.Bg5 Be7N
[Vorgänger: 13...Bb7 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Be4 Rg8 0.67/19 *(Black should try 15...0-0=* 0.16/20 *)* 16.Rad1± Ke7 17.Rd2 0.27/21 *(17.b4±* 0.80/20 *Bd6 18.a4)* 17...Bxe4 0.93/22 *(17...Rad8=* 0.27/21 *)* 18.Qxe4± Strongly threatening b2-b4! Bd6? 3.91/25 *(18...Rad8±* 0.87/21 *)* 19.Rfd1 Rad8 20.g3 Threatens to win with Nf3-d4! h6 3.88/22 *(⌓20...Bc5* 2.50/22 *21.Nh4 Rxd2 22.Nf5+ Ke8 23.Rxd2 Qb8 24.Qc6+ Kf8)* 21.Nd4+- Rg5? 10.40/23 Against Nd4-f5+ *(21...Kf8* 3.51/23 *22.Nc6 Rd7 23.Rxd6 Rxd6)* 22.Nc6+ 1-0 Simic,V (2082)-Gagic,M (1930) SRB Central-ch 2007 (8)]
14.Rae1 0.06/20
[14.Rad1± 0.42/19]
14...Bb7= 15.Ne5 0-0 16.f4 g6 17.Kh1 Rfe8 18.Qf2 Rad8 19.Re3

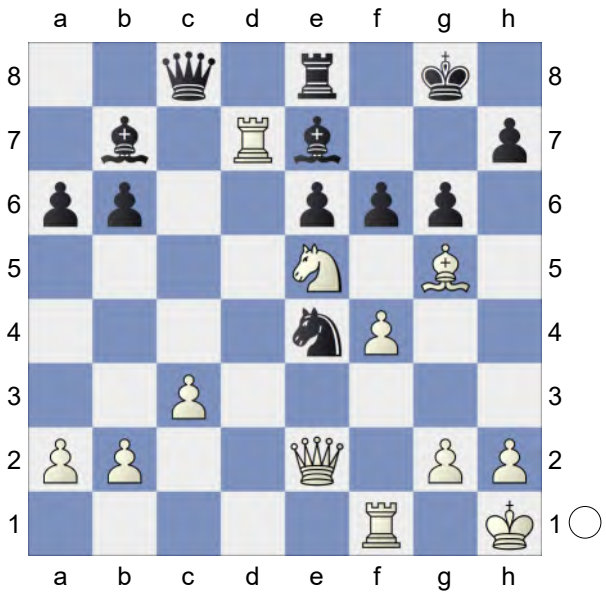
(Diagram)

Rxd3 0.53/23 **20.Rxd3±**
[20.Nxd3 Ng4 21.Qg3 Nxe3 22.Qxe3 Qc6∓]
20...Ne4 21.Qe2 And now Rd3-d7 would win.
[21.Qd4 f6 22.Qd7 Qxd7 23.Rxd7 Bc8∓]
21...f6
[21...Bxg5 22.Rd7 Qb8 23.fxg5 Qxe5 24.Qf3+- *(24.Rxb7? Ng3+*



Discovered Attack *25.hxg3 Qxe2-+)*]

22.Rd7 Qc8



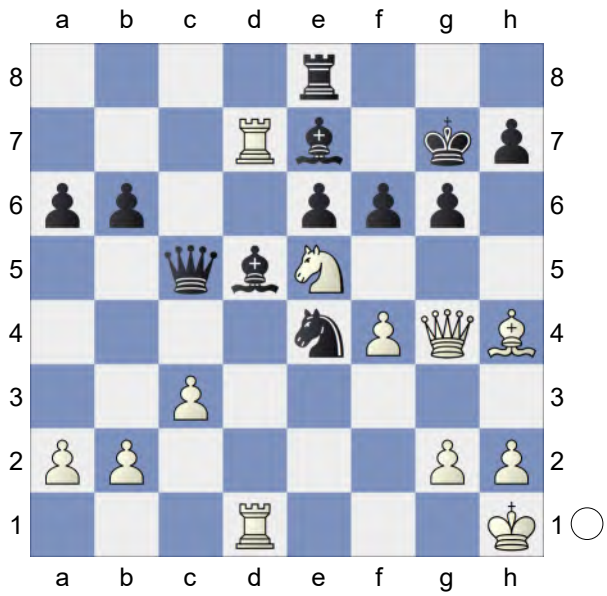
23.Qg4 Bd5 24.Bh4 Kg7 1.51/22

[24...fxe5 25.Rxe7 Rxe7 26.Bxe7±]

[24...g5± 0.46/23 25.Bxg5 Nxg5]

25.Rd1 Hoping for Rd1xd5. **25...Qc5** 2.83/23

[25...fxe5± 1.22/23 26.R1xd5 *(26.Rxe7+ Rxe7 27.Rxd5 h5=)* 26...exd5 27.Rxe7+ *(27.Bxe7? Nf2+ 28.Kg1 Nxg4-+)* 27...Kg8 28.Qxc8 Rxc8]



Black cannot hold the game after this. **26.c4!+- Bxc4 27.Nxc4 Qxc4 28.Qf3** aiming for Rd7-d4. **28...Nc5 29.b3 Qb4** 4.51/22

[29...Qc2 3.15/21 was necessary.]

30.R7d4 Qb5 31.b4 Na4 32.Qb3 Kf7 33.Re1 Qc6 34.Rc4 Qd7 35.Bf2 b5 36.Rce4 Bf8 37.Qh3 Bg7 38.f5

[38.Qxh7? Rh8-+]

38...gxf5 39.Rd4 Qc6 6.50/25

[39...Qc8 3.62/23 40.Qh5+ *(40.Qxh7? Rh8-+)* 40...Kg8]

40.Qh5+

[40.Qxh7? perishes. Rh8-+]

40...Kg8

(Diagram)

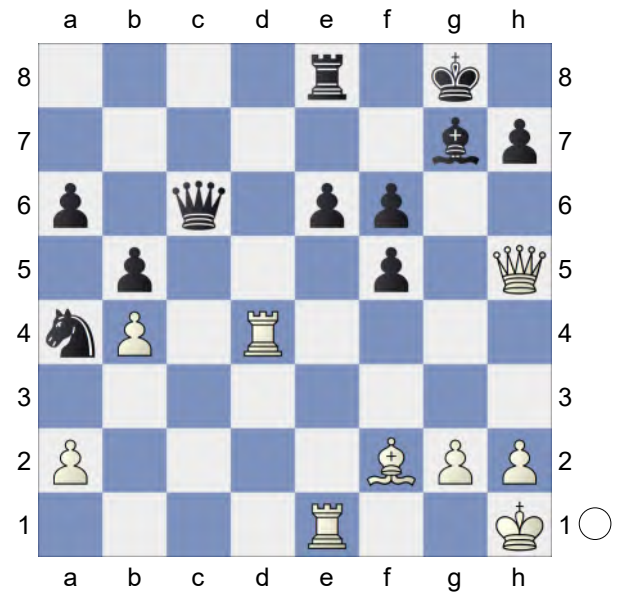
41.Rd6!! Deflection **41...Qc8 42.Red1 Kf8?** #4/10

[42...Nb2+- 2.74/22]

43.Qf3 5.21/23

[⌓43.Rd7 #4/10 Qxd7 44.Rxd7 Kg8 45.Qf7+ Kh8 46.Qxg7#]

43...Qc4 44.Bc5 Nb2 45.R6d4+ 11.90/19 Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/Black=0.75



[⌓45.Rd7+ #10/20 Qxc5 46.bxc5 Bh6 47.Qh5 Re7 48.Qxh6+ Kf7 49.Qxh7+ Kf8 50.Qxe7+ Kg8 51.Qg7#]

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C07

□ **Ellithorpe,Gilbert P** **2715**
■ **Sukhareva,Olga M** **2647**
BCCA Trophies 1913-14 (3) 10.02.2000
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 RR: 'Inf 43/(347)' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Bd7 11.c3 Qc7 12.Qe2 Bd6 13.Nb5 Bxb5 14.Bxb5+ Ke7 15.g3 Rhd8**

[15...a6 16.Ba4 Rhd8 17.Qf3 Kf8 *(17...h6 18.Bb3 Rab8 19.Rd1 a5 20.a4 Qc6 21.Qe2 Bc5 22.Bf4* C 07/27-N,N 1997*)* 18.Bg5 Be7 19.Bb3 Nd5 20.Bd2 Rd7 21.Rad1 Rad8 22.Bc1 Kg8 23.Rd3 Nf6 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 25.Rd1 Rxd1+ 26.Bxd1 Nd5 27.Qe4 Bc5 28.Bc2 g6 29.Kg2 Bf8 30.Bd1 ½-½ Ndahangwapo,H (2610)-Hatchett, P (2625) USSR 39/417 1985]

16.Re1 Kf8N

[16...h6 17.Qf3 Jansa,V (2465)-Smagin,S (2505) Trnava 43/(347) 1987]

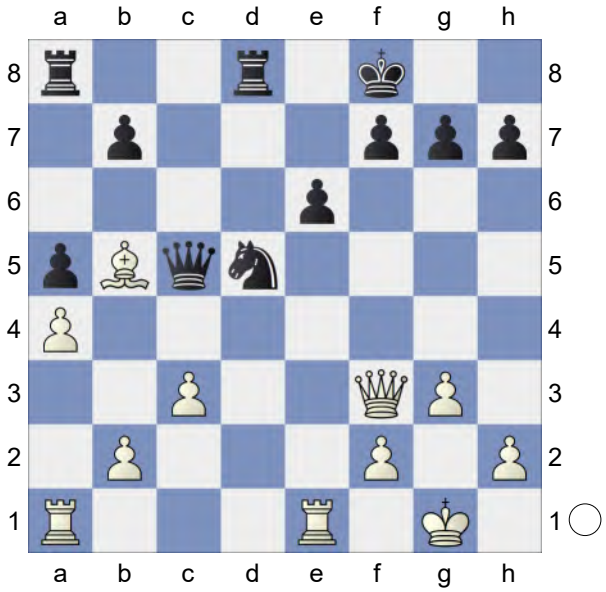
17.Qf3 Qe7 White is slightly better.

18.a4 a5 19.Be3 White is more active.

19...Nd5 20.Bd4 Bc5 1.20/23

[⌓20...Kg8 0.83/22]

21.Bxc5± Qxc5



22.Qh5! c3-c4! would now be deadly.

[Of course not 22.Rxe6?! Nc7 23.Re4 Nxb5 24.axb5 Qxb5±]

22...b6 23.Qxh7 Qh7-h8+ is the strong threat. **23...Nf6 24.Qc2 Rd5 25.Rad1 Rad8 26.Be2 g6 27.Bf3 Rxd1 28.Rxd1**

[Much less strong is 28.Bxd1 b5±]

28...Rxd1+ 29.Qxd1 Endgame. KQB-KQN **29...e5 30.Qd3 Kg7 31.h3 Kf8** 1.75/24

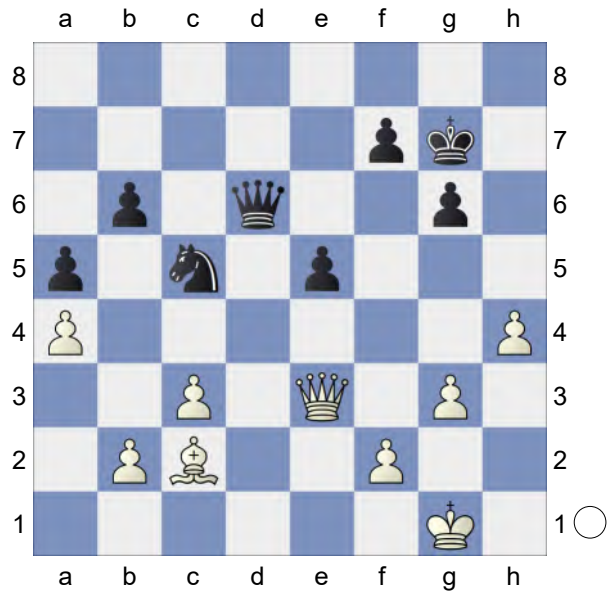
[31...Qe7± 1.33/24 was worth a try.]

32.Qd8++- Kg7 33.Qd3? -0.01/23

[White should play 33.Ba8+- 1.77/24]

33...Kf8!= 34.Bd1 Qc7 35.Bb3 Nd7 36.Qe3 1.30/24

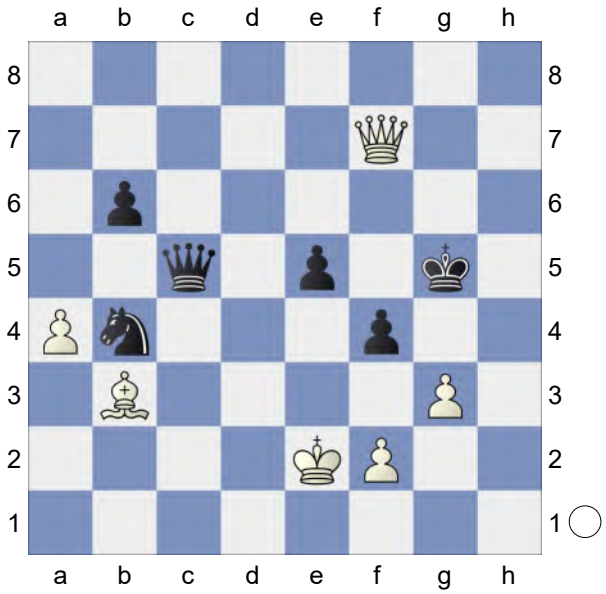
[36.Bc4+- 1.67/22]
36...Kg7± 37.Kh2 Nc5 38.Bc2 Qd6 39.h4 Kf8 1.68/23
[39...e4± 1.13/21]
40.Kg1+- Kg7



41.h5! gxh5 42.Qg5+ Kf8 43.Qxh5 Ke7 44.Qh4+ Kf8 45.Qh8+ Ke7 46.Qh4+? -0.01/22
[46.Qh5+- 1.61/23]
46...Kf8!= 47.b4 axb4 And now ...b4-b3 would win. **48.cxb4 Na6 49.Qc4 Nxb4 50.Bb3 Qe7 51.Kf1 Kg7 52.Ke2 f5 53.Qg8+** 0.40/24
[Better is 53.Kf1± 1.49/24]
53...Kf6? 2.32/25
[53...Kh6!± 0.40/24]
54.Qb8+- Qc5 4.29/19
[54...Nc6 2.42/23 55.Qxb6 Qd6]
55.Qd8+ Kg6 7.41/36
[⌓55...Qe7 4.22/27 56.Qxb6+ Kg5]
56.Qe8+ Kg5 57.Qg8+ Kh6 58.Qe6+ White is clearly winning. **58...Kg5 59.Qf7** White wants to mate with Qf7-g7+. **59...f4**

(Diagram)

60.g4 Qf7-g7+ would kill now. **60...Qd6**



61.Qf5+ Kh6 62.g5+ Kh5 63.f3 Nd5 64.Qf7+ Kxg5 65.Qxd5 7.50/27
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
[⌓65.Bxd5 15.18/33 Qb4 66.Qg7+ Kf5 67.Qg4+ Kf6 68.Qe6+ Kg7 69.Qxe5+ Kh6 70.Be4 *(70.Qf6+ Kh7+-)* 70...Qc4+ 71.Kf2]
1-0

C03
□ **Fedoryshyn,Ievgenii** **2256**
■ **Girel,Joseph** **2486**
Cappelle op 40th (2) 03.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 c5 6.exd5 Qxd5 7.dxc5 Qxc5** now scores much better than the old 7...Nbd7. punktet besser als das ältere 7...Sbd7. **8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 Qc7** The position is equal.
[9...0-0 10.Ne4 Qc7 11.Bg5 b6 12.Bh4 Bb7 13.Rad1 Nc5 14.Bg3 Qc6 15.Ne5 Qc8 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Bc4 a6 18.a3 b5 19.Ba2 Ne4

20.Nd7 Qc6 21.Nxf6+ Nxf6 22.f3 Rfd8 23.c3 Qc5+ 24.Bf2 ½-½ Yegiazarian,A (2504)-Lputian,S (2625) ARM-ch Yerevan 1999 (7)]

10.Nb3N -0.20/20
[⌓10.a4 0.20/19]
[10.c4 b6 11.b3 Bb7 12.Bb2 0-0 13.Rfd1 Qc6 14.Ne4 Rad8 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.Bc2 h6 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Rd1 Qc7 20.Ne5 Kf8 21.Rxd8+ Qxd8 22.Qd3 Qxd3 ½-½ Hollan,M (2347)-Gumularz,S (2590) Southend op 2024 (5)]

10...0-0 11.c3 b6 12.Bg5 Bb7 next ...Bb7xf3 is good for Black. **13.Rfe1 Rfe8 14.Rad1 a6** Wards off Bd3-b5 **15.Bh4 Bd6N**
[Vorgänger: 15...e5 White must now prevent ...e5-e4. 16.Bg3 Qc6 17.Bf5 -0.01/21 *(17.Qf1± 0.36/21)* 17...Rad8= 18.Bh3 Bd6 19.Nfd2 -0.41/23 *(19.Bh4= -0.03/21)* 19...Bc7 20.Qc4 Nf8 -0.01/23 *(20...Nh5∓ -0.37/20)* 21.Qxc6 Bxc6 ½-½ (54) Malisauskas,V (2525)-Zhelnin,V (2470) St Petersburg 1996]

16.Bg3 -0.26/24
[16.Nbd2 0.13/22 should be considered.]

16...Bxg3= 17.hxg3 e5 aiming for ...e5-e4. **18.Bc2 e4 19.Nfd4 Ne5** -0.32/24
[19...g6∓ -0.74/21]

20.Nd2 -0.70/22
[⌓20.Nf5 -0.32/24]

20...Neg4
[20...e3!? 21.fxe3 *(21.Qxe3 Nf3+* Discovered Attack *22.N2xf3 Rxe3∓)* 21...b5∓]

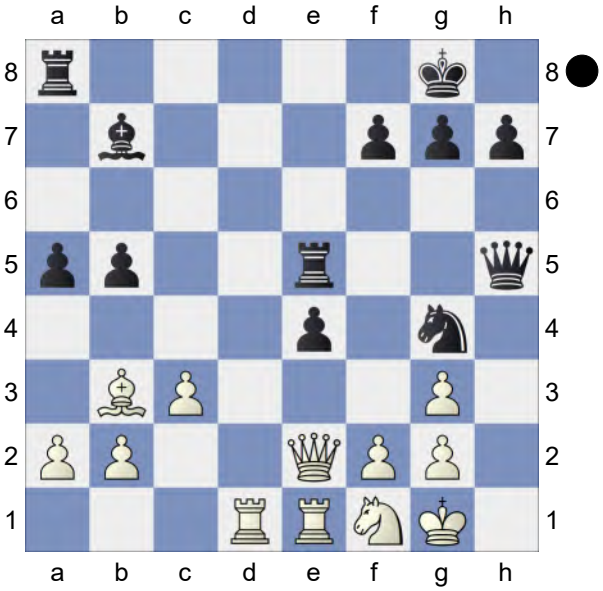
21.Nf1 Qc5 Dodges Nd4-f5 **22.Bb3 Qh5** 0.21/20
[22...g6∓ -0.37/19]

23.Nc2 a5 0.83/20
[23...Rad8= 0.14/23]

24.Bc4 0.16/23
[White should play 24.Nce3!± 0.83/20 And now Ne3xg4 would win. Ba6 25.c4]

24...Re5 25.Nce3 b5↑ Black fights for an advantage. **26.Nxg4??** -3.69/24
[26.Bb3!= 0.02/21 and White is okay.]

26...Nxg4-+ 27.Bb3



Rd1-d7 is the strong threat. **27...a4!**
[27...Rf5 28.f3 Nf6 *(28...exf3 29.Qe8+* Back Rank *Rxe8 30.Rxe8#)* 29.Qd2±]

28.Rd7 -5.26/24
[⌓28.Bxf7+ -3.46/21 Kxf7 29.Rd7+ Re7 30.Qd1]

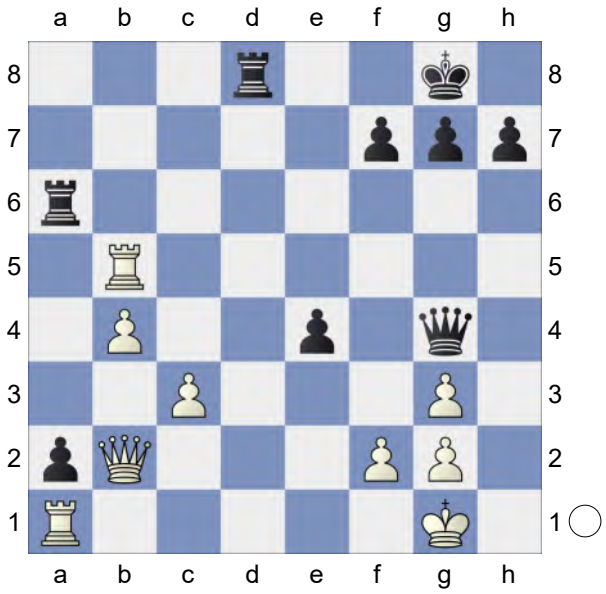
28...axb3 29.Rxb7 bxa2 30.b4 Nf6? -3.24/23
[30...a1B 31.Rxa1 Rae8 32.Ra5±]
[30...g6 -9.29/23 31.Rb8+ Rxb8 32.Qxa2 Qh6]

31.Qb2? -5.72/22
[31.Qxh5 -3.24/23 was worth a try. Rxh5 32.Ra1]

31...Ree8 32.Ne3? -5.32/26
[32.c4 -2.89/24 keeps fighting. bxc4 33.Ra1]

32...Red8 33.Ra1 Ng4 34.Nxg4 Qxg4

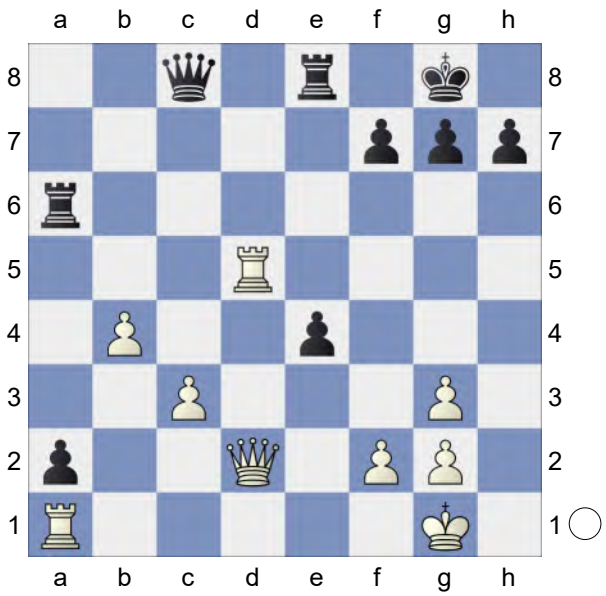
35.Rxb5 -11.74/25
[⌓35.Qc2 -4.40/26 Qe6 36.Rxb5]
35...Ra6? 0.32/22
[Black should try 35...Rd1+-+ -11.74/25 36.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 37.Kh2 a1Q *(37...a1B 38.Qa3∓* Back Rank *)* 38.Qxa1 Qxa1]



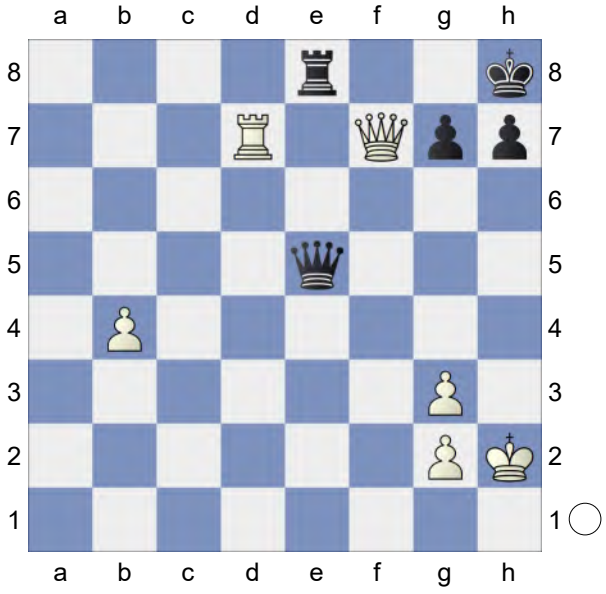
36.Qd2!± Deflection, Back Rank
36...Qc8
[Inferior is 36...Rxd2 37.Rb8+]
37.Rd5 Re8 1.03/22
[37...Rxd5= 0.01/25 remains equal. 38.Qxd5 g5 39.Rxa2 *(39.Qxg5+ Kf8=)* 39...Rxa2 40.Qxa2 e3]

(Diagram)

38.Rxa2 0.23/24
[38.Ra5!± 1.03/22]
38...Rxa2= 39.Qxa2 Qxc3± Endgame. KQR-KQR **40.Qd2 Qc7** 0.64/22
[40...Qxd2= 0.20/25 might be stronger. 41.Rxd2 f5]
41.Rd7 Qe5
[41...e3 42.fxe3 Qxg3 43.b5=]
42.Qa2 e3? 4.35/28



[42...Qf6± 0.38/22]
43.Qxf7++- Kh8 (→ ...e3-e2) **44.f4 e2** 8.20/34
[⌓44...Qa1+ 4.03/30 45.Kh2 Rg8]
45.fxe5 e1Q+ KQR-KQR **46.Kh2 Qxe5**

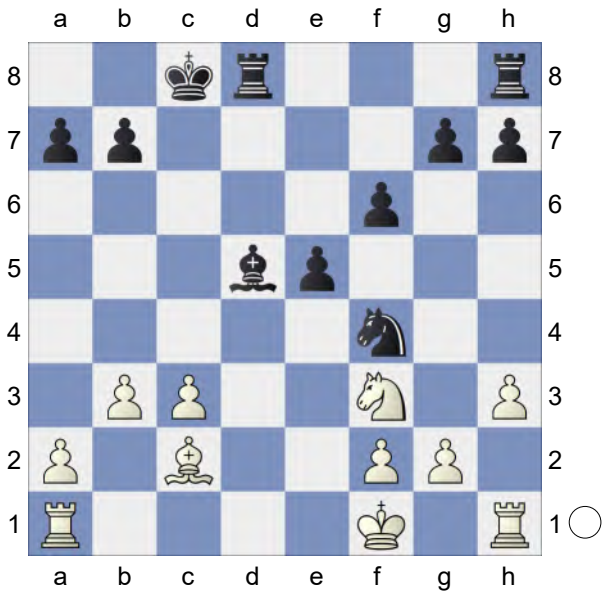


47.b5! b5-b6 would now be deadly.
47...Rg8
[47...h6 48.b6]
48.b6 Strongly threatening b6-b7.
48...Qe3 49.Rd6 Qc5 50.Re6 Qb5 Prevents Re6-e8 **51.b7 h6 52.Re7 Kh7 53.Rc7** Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/

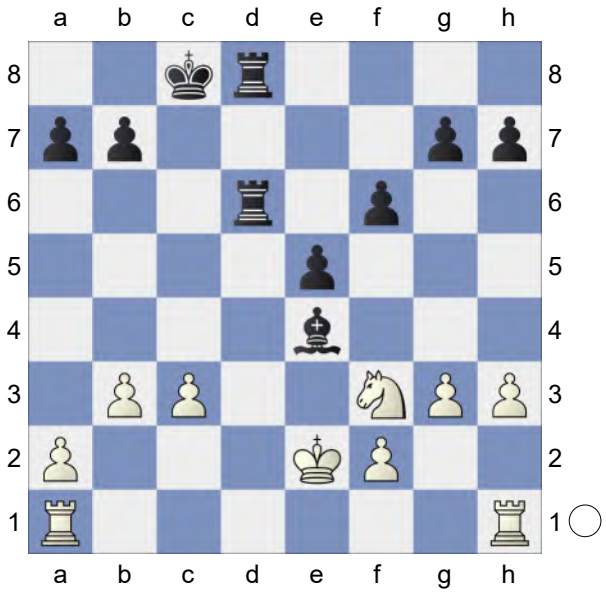
Black=0.93
1-0

C07
□ **Kozin,Yuri** **2251**
■ **Lenderman,Aleksandr** **2572**
Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Bd3 e5!** outshines the older 6...Nc6. erfolgreicher als das alte 6...Sc6. **7.N4f3 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 Qxd1+** The position is equal. **10.Kxd1 f6 11.c3 Na6N**
[Vorgänger: 11...Nd7 12.b4 a5 13.Bd2 Nb6 14.Ke2 Bd7 0.13/23 *(14...axb4* -0.28/20 is superior. *15.cxb4 g6)* 15.bxa5 -0.31/22 *(15.Bxb7=* 0.13/23 *Bb5+ 16.Ke1)* 15...Bb5+∓ 16.Bd3 Bxd3+! 17.Kxd3 0-0-0+ 0.01/21 1-0 (60) Andersen,G (2291)-Lapid,L (2302) Denver 2017 *(17...Rxa5∓* -0.53/21 *18.Be3 Nd5)*]
12.Be3 Bc5N
[12...Nc5 13.Bd5 Bf5 14.Ke2 Bd3+ 15.Kd2 0-0-0 16.Bxc5 Rxd5 17.Bxf8 Rxf8 18.Ke1 Rfd8 19.Rd1 Be4 20.Rxd5 Bxd5 21.Ke2 Bxa2 22.Nd2 Bd5 23.f3 a6 24.Ra1 Kc7 25.h4 Bc6 26.g4 Bb5+ 27.c4 0-1 Ghimpu, S (2266)-Move Sidelines (2537) 125/114 2015 (3)]
13.Bxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc2 Bg4 15.Ke1 0-0-0 16.h3 Be6 -0.65/21 Black is more active.
[16...Bh5∓ -1.14/22 17.Rd1 Rxd1+ 18.Kxd1 Rd8+ 19.Ke1 Bg6 *(19...Nd3+ 20.Bxd3 Rxd3 21.Ke2∓)* 20.Bxg6 hxg6]
17.b3 Nd3+ 18.Ke2? -2.61/24
This move loses the game for White.
[18.Bxd3∓ -0.76/22 keeps fighting. Rxd3 19.c4]
18...Nf4+-+ 19.Kf1 Bd5



And now ...Bd5xf3 would win. **20.Bd1 Be4 21.Be2 Rd6 22.g3 Nxe2 23.Kxe2 Rhd8**



...Rd6-d3 would now be deadly. **24.Rhc1 Rd3 25.Ne1 Rd2+ 26.Kf1** -3.74/22
[⌓26.Ke3 -2.29/24 Bg6 27.f4]
26...g5 27.Ng2 f5 Hoping for ...f5-f4. **28.Ne3 h5** -1.72/23

[⌓28...f4 -3.15/23 29.Nc4 Bd3+ 30.Kg1 Bxc4 31.bxc4 fxg3]
29.Rd1 -2.14/22
[⌓29.Re1 -1.72/23]
29...f4 30.Rxd2 Rxd2 Endgame. KRB-KRN **31.Nc4 Bd3+ 32.Kg2 Bxc4 33.bxc4** KR-KR **33...e4** ...e4-e3 is the strong threat. **34.Kg1?** -3.99/24
[34.gxf4 -2.29/23 only move. gxf4 35.a4]
34...f3 Threatens to win with ...e4-e3!
35.Re1 Re2 Black is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 35...Rxa2 36.Rxe4 Ra1+ 37.Kh2∓]
36.Ra1 e3 37.Rf1 exf2+ 38.Rxf2 Rxf2 39.Kxf2 g4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.16 (very precise)
0-1

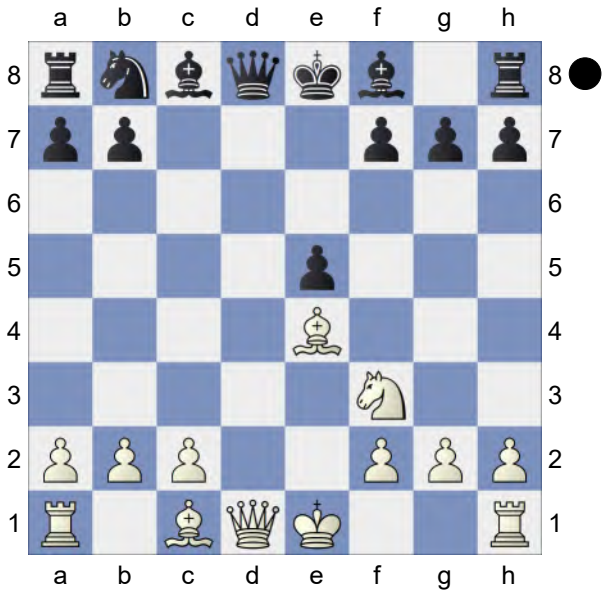
C07

□ **Horak,Martin** **2266**
■ **Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag** **2537**
Titled Tuesday intern op 09th May Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Bd3 e5!** is more profitable than 6...Nc6 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 6...Sc6. **7.N4f3 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Bxe4**

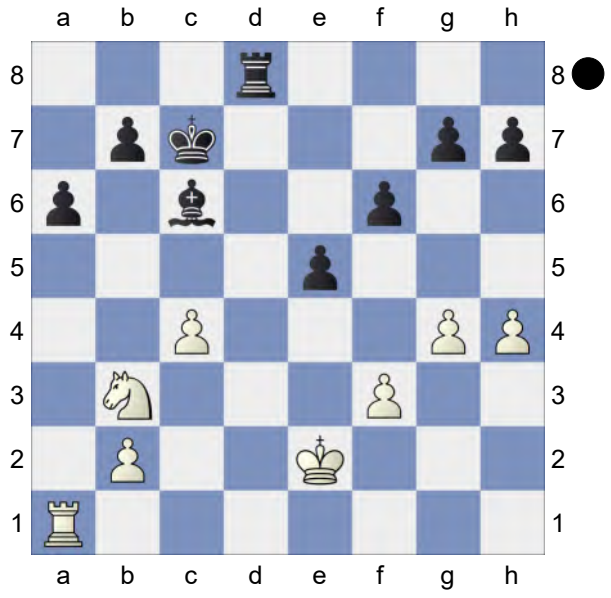
(Diagram)

And now Qd1xd8+ would win. **9...Qxd1+** The position is equal. **10.Kxd1 f6 11.c3 Na6 12.Be3 Nc5N**
[Predecessor: 12...Bc5 13.Bxc5 -0.71/20 *(13.b4= -0.26/20 Bxe3 14.fxe3)* 13...Nxc5∓ 14.Bc2 Bg4 15.Ke1 0-0-0 16.h3 Be6 -0.62/22 *(16...Bh5∓* -1.13/23 Strongly



threatening ...Nc5-d3+. *17.Rd1 Rxd1+ 18.Kxd1 Rd8+ 19.Kc1 Bxf3 20.Bf5+ Kc7 21.gxf3 g6)* 17.b3 Nd3+ 18.Ke2 -2.27/24 *(18.Bxd3∓* -0.83/22 was called for. *Rxd3 19.c4)* 18...Nf4+ 0-1 Kozin,Y (2251)-Lenderman,A (2572) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Early blitz 2023 (2) 19.Kf1 Bd5 20.Bd1 Be4 21.Be2 Rd6 22.g3 Nxe2 23.Kxe2 Rhd8 24.Rhc1 Rd3 25.Ne1 Rd2+ 26.Kf1 g5 27.Ng2 f5 28.Ne3 h5 29.Rd1 f4 30.Rxd2 Rxd2 31.Nc4 Bd3+ 32.Kg2 Bxc4 33.bxc4 e4 0-1 Kuper (2251)-Lommers,F (2572) 83/160 Leon 2001 (2)]
13.Bd5 -0.67/21
[13.Bc2= -0.19/21 Be6 14.b3 0-0-0+ 15.Ke2 Be7 16.Rad1 g6 17.h3 Bd5 18.g4 Ne4 19.Bxe4 Bxe4 20.Bxa7 Kc7 21.Be3 b5 22.Rhe1 Ra8 23.Rd2 Rhd8 24.Red1 Rxd2+ 25.Rxd2 Kc6 26.Ne1 Bd5 27.Nd3 Bd6 28.Nb4+ ½-½ Kochiev,I (2053)-Mekhitarian,K (2537) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Late blitz 2023 (9)]
13...Bf5!∓ ...0-0-0 is the strong threat.

14.Ke2 -1.09/21
[14.Nh4∓ -0.65/20 Bd7 15.c4]
14...Bd3+ 15.Kd2 -1.77/23
[15.Ke1∓ -0.99/21]
15...0-0-0-+ 16.Bxc5 Rxd5 17.Bxf8 Rxf8 18.Ke1 -1.87/21 Prevents Bd3-f1
[18.Rhd1∓ -1.47/22]
18...Rfd8 19.Rd1 -2.08/21
[19.h4∓ -1.58/21]
19...Be4 -0.88/23
[19...g5-+ -2.08/21 Hoping for ...a7-a5. 20.Rd2 h6]
20.Rxd5 -1.69/23
[20.Ke2∓ -0.88/23 is a better defense.]
20...Bxd5∓ Endgame. KRB-KRN
[Don't play 20...Rxd5 21.Nd2 Bd3 *(21...Bxg2 22.Rg1=)* 22.h4∓]
21.Ke2 -1.99/24
[21.a3∓ -1.57/24 was worth a try.]
21...Bxa2-+ 22.Nd2 Inhibits Ba2-c4+.
22...Bd5 23.f3 a6 24.Ra1 Kc7 25.h4 Bc6 26.g4 Bb5+ 27.c4 Bc6 28.Nb3? -5.00/23
[28.h5 -1.82/25 is more resistant.]



28...Bxf3+! Decoy. Black is clearly winning. **29.Kxf3** aiming for Kf3-e3. KRN-KR **29...Rd3+ 30.Ke4 Rxb3 31.Kf5 Rxb2 32.Ke6 Rg2 33.g5 fxg5 34.hxg5 Rxg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.09 (flawless)
0-1

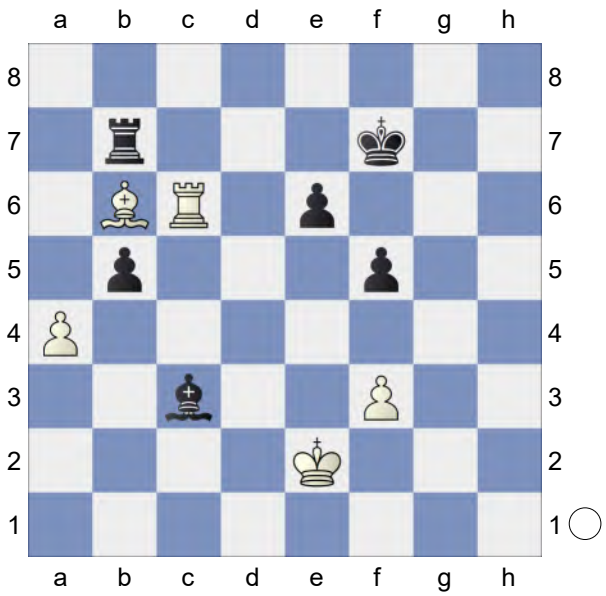
C07
□ **Dotzer,Lukas** **2391**
■ **Pycinski,Wladyslaw** **2237**
EU-ch U14 Prague (9) 31.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 Bd6 8.0-0**
[8.Qe2 Qc7 9.c4 Nf6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Bb5+ Kf8 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nf3 Nf4 14.Bxf4 Bxf4 15.0-0 Bb7 16.Rfd1 Bd5 17.g3 Bd6 18.Rac1 Qb6 19.Bc4 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Re8 21.Bb3 Be5 22.Rd7 Bf6 1-0 Aravindh,C (2646)-Agmanov,Z (2460) Wch Blitz Samarkand 2023 (4)]
8...Qc7 9.h3 Ne7N The position is equal.
[9...Bd7 10.exd5 cxd5 11.c4 Nf6 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Nc4 Bc5 14.Qg4 Kf8 15.Bd2 f5 16.Qe2 Bd4 17.Rac1 Kf7 18.Qf3 Bc6 19.Na5 Nc3 20.Nxc6 Nxa2 21.Ra1 1-0 7.♕c2 f5 8.♘h3 ♘c6 (1924)-7. ♗c4 ♗f3 8.gf3 (1772) Bundesliga 2008-9 (6)]
10.exd5 -0.10/21
[10.Qh5± 0.36/19]
10...cxd5= 11.c4 0-0 12.Qh5 -0.70/20
[12.Qc2 -0.34/20 is superior.]
12...h6∓ 13.b3 Bh2+ -0.37/5
[13...Bb7∓ -0.84/19]
14.Kh1 And now g2-g3 would win.
14...Qe5 15.Qxe5 Bxe5 16.Rb1 Ba6

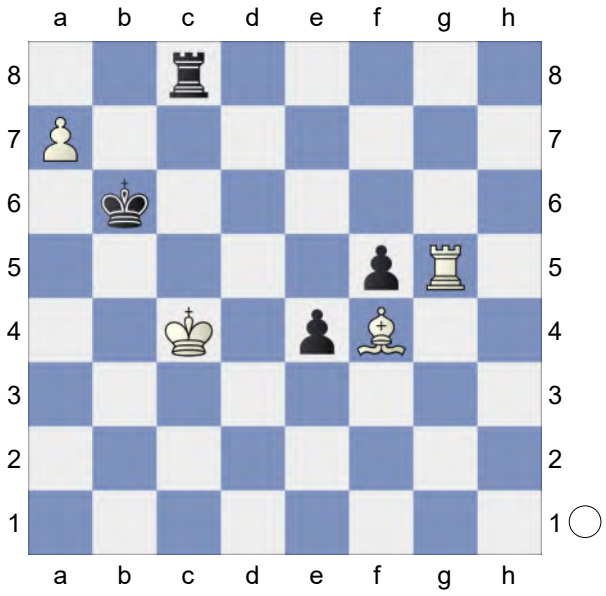
17.Ba3 Rfe8 18.Rfd1 Bf4 19.Nf3 dxc4 20.Bxc4 Bb7 21.Rd7 Bxf3 22.Rxe7
[22.Bxe7? Bc6 23.Bd6 *(23.Rd4? Be5-+)* 23...Bxd7-+]
22...Rxe7 23.Bxe7 Bc6 24.Rd1 Rc8 25.Ba6 Re8 26.Bc5 Bd5 27.Rd4
[27.Bxa7? Ra8 28.Bd3 Rxa7-+]
27...Be5 28.Rd3 Rb8 29.Kg1
[29.Bxa7? Ra8 30.Bc5 Rxa6-+]
29...f6
[29...Ra8 30.a4±]
30.f3
[30.Bxa7? Ra8 31.Bc5 Rxa6-+]
30...Kf7 31.Kf2
[31.Bxa7? Ra8 32.Be3 Rxa6-+]
31...g5 32.Rd2
[32.Bxa7? Ra8 33.Bc5 Rxa6-+]
32...h5 33.Rc2
[33.Bxa7? loses. Ra8 34.Be3 Rxa6-+]
33...Rd8 34.b4
[34.Bxa7? perishes. Ra8 35.Be3 Rxa6-+]
34...Rd7 35.Ke2 g4 0.53/24 **36.hxg4± hxg4 37.Bc4 gxf3+ 38.gxf3 Bxc4+ 39.Rxc4=** Endgame. KRB-KRB **39...f5** 0.93/25
[39...a6= 0.24/23 keeps the balance.]
40.a4 0.29/24
[40.b5± 0.93/25]
40...a6 41.Bb6 Rb7 1.29/24
[41...Rd5= 0.15/22]
42.Rc6± Bc3 43.b5 axb5

(Diagram)

44.a5
[Don't play 44.axb5?! Be5±]
44...Be5 45.a6 Threatening mate with f3-f4. **45...Rb8 46.a7 Ra8 47.Rc5 Bd6 48.Rxb5 Ke7 49.Kd3** Threatens to win with Kd3-c4. **49...Kd7 50.Be3**



Hoping for Rb5-b6. **50...Kc6 51.Kc4 Bc7** Prevents Rb5-b6+ **52.Rb1 e5 53.Rg1** 2.24/25
[53.Ra1± 1.17/25]
53...Rc8 54.Rg5 1.51/25
[54.Rg6++- 2.77/26 Kb7 55.Kb5]
54...e4? 4.43/26 Loses the game.
[54...Kb7± 1.51/25]
55.f4+- Bxf4 56.Bxf4 KRB-KR
56...Kb6+



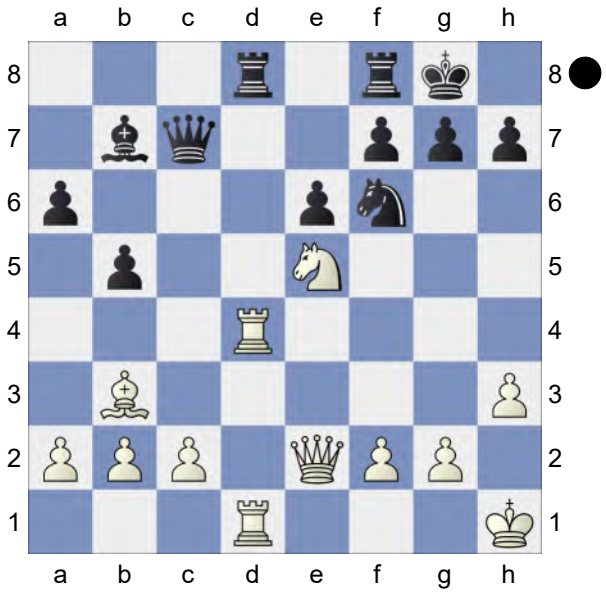
57.Kb4! Strongly threatening Rg5-g6+.
57...Kxa7? #15/22
[57...e3+- 3.88/27 58.Bxe3+ Kb7

59.Rxf5 Rg8]
58.Kb5 Rc2 59.Rg7+ Ka8 60.Be5 Rc1 61.Kb6 Rb1+ 62.Ka6 Ra1+ 63.Bxa1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.29 (precise) **1-0**

C07

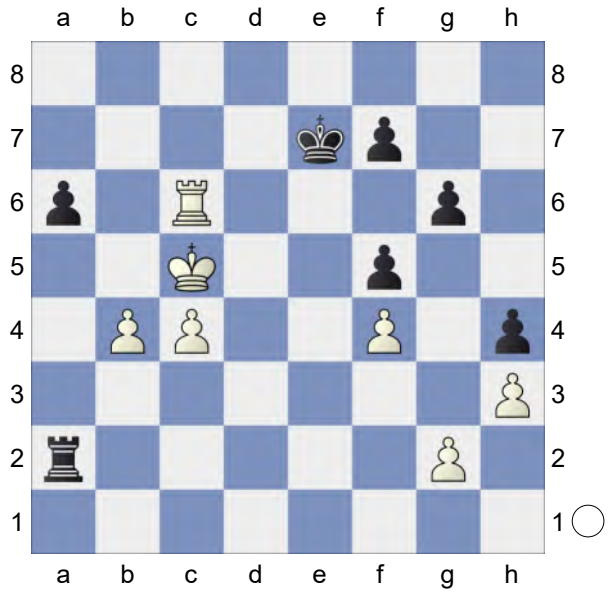
□ **Zapata,Alonso** **2292**
■ **Christie,Joshua** **2271**
Nashville Summer op (3) 28.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 Illingworth,Max: 'In this game I'll take the opportunity to cover several QGA sidelines.' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0** White has compensation. **7...Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6** The position is equal. **9.Qe2 Bd6**
[9...a6 10.a4 Be7 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.Nbxd4 Bd7 *(12...0-0 13.c3 Bd7 14.Bg5 Rad8 15.Bb3 Rfe8 16.Bc2 g6 17.h4 Ng4 18.g3 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Bc6 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.dxe5 Qb4 23.b3 Qc3 24.Rab1 Rd5 25.Rxd5 Bxd5 26.Rd1 Rc8 27.Rd2* 0-1 Peglau,S (2395)-6.♕xd4 exd5 7.--- (2617) FRA-ch Prelim Gr-B playoff rapid 1999 (3.15)*)* 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Ne5 Bd5 15.Bxd5 Nxd5 16.c4 Nf6 17.Bf4 Qc8 18.g4 h6 19.h4 0-0 20.g5 hxg5 21.hxg5 Nh7 22.Qh5 Bxg5 23.Bxg5 Nxg5 24.Rd7 1-0 Adhiban,B (2666)-Ivanchuk,V (2747) Wch Blitz Doha 2016 (1)]
10.Rd1 0-0 11.Nbxd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4N
[12.Rxd4 Qe7 13.Ne5 Nd5 14.Bd3 f5 15.Bc4 Nf6 16.Bg5 Qc7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nf3 Kh8 19.Rh4 e5 20.Rh5 e4 21.Nh4 Re8 22.Rh6 Bxh2+ 23.Kh1 Bf4 24.Qh5 Rg8 25.Ng6+ Rxg6 26.Qxg6 1-0 Nowroozian,N (2688)-Campos,J (2686) 77/(129) Oberhof 1999]
12...a6 Prevents Nd4-b5 **13.Bg5** Threatens to win with Bg5xf6. **13...Qc7 14.h3 Bh2+ 15.Kh1 Bf4 16.Bxf4 Qxf4 17.Nf3 b5 18.Rd4 Qc7 19.Bb3 Bb7 20.Ne5 Rad8 21.Rad1**



aiming for Rd4xd8. **21...Rxd4**
[21...Ne4 feels hotter. 22.Nd7 Rfe8 23.Kg1 Bc6]
22.Rxd4 Bd5 23.f4 Rc8 24.c3 g6 25.Ng4 Nxg4 26.Bxd5 Nh6 27.Be4 Prevents Nh6-f5. **27...Nf5**
[27...Qxf4? 28.Bb7 *(28.Bxg6 Qc1+ 29.Rd1 Qg5=)* 28...Nf5 29.Rxf4+-]
28.Bxf5 exf5= Endgame. KQR-KQR **29.a4 Rb8 30.axb5 Rxb5 31.Qd2 Rb8** Inhibits Rd4-d8+. **32.Rd7 Qb6**
[32...Rxb2? 33.Qd4 Qb6 34.Rd8++-]
33.b4 Re8 34.Kh2→ White attacks. **34...Re4** 0.39/26
[34...h5= 0.02/26 might be stronger.]
35.Rd6!± Qe3 36.Qxe3 Rxe3 KR-KR **37.Rc6**
[37.Rxa6 Rxc3 38.b5 Rb3=]

37...Kf8 38.Kg1
[38.Rxa6 Rxc3 39.Ra8+ Ke7∓]
38...Re1+ 1.70/26
[38...Ke7± 0.55/24]
39.Kf2+- Ra1 40.Ke3 Ke7 41.Kd4 h5 2.51/24
[41...h6± 1.59/21 42.Rc7+ Kf6]
42.c4 h4 43.Kc5 Ra2



44.Rc7+! Ke6 45.Ra7 Black must now prevent b4-b5.
[45.Rc6+ Ke7=]
45...Ra4 46.b5 1.28/23
[White should try 46.Rb7+- 2.37/23]
46...axb5± 47.Rxa4 bxa4 KP-KP **48.Kb4 Kd6 49.Kxa4 Kc5 50.Kb3 f6 51.Kc3 g5 52.Kd3 gxf4 53.Kc3 Kc6 54.Kd4 Kd6 55.c5+ Ke6 56.Kc4 Ke5 57.c6** 12.13/33
[⌓57.Kb5 #17/26 f3 58.gxf3 Kf4 59.c6 Kg3 60.c7 Kxh3 61.c8Q *(61.c8R Kg3±)* 61...Kg2 62.Qxf5]
57...Kd6+- 58.Kb5 c6-c7! would kill now. **58...Kc7 59.Kc5 Kc8 60.Kd6** White threatens c6-c7 and mate.
60...Kd8 61.c7+ #23/30
[61.Ke6+- 19.34/27 Kc7 62.Kxf6 *(62.Kxf5 Kxc6 63.Kxf6 Kd7 64.Kf5 Ke8 65.Kxf4 Kf7 66.Kg4 Kg7 67.Kxh4 Kh6)* 62...f3 63.gxf3 *(63.Kxf5* is a self mate. *fxg2 64.Kg4 g1Q+ 65.Kf5 Qf1+ 66.Kg4 Kxc6 67.Kg5 Qf3 68.Kxh4 Kd5 69.Kg5 Ke6 70.Kh4 Qg2 71.Kh5 Kf6 72.Kh6 Qxh3#)* 63...f4 64.Kg5 Kxc6 65.Kxf4 *(65.Kxh4 Kd6 66.Kg5 Ke6 67.Kxf4 Kf6 68.Ke4 Kg5 69.f4+ Kg6 70.f5+ Kf7)* 65...Kd7 66.Kg5]
61...Kc8 62.Kc6 White wants to mate with Kc6-d6. **62...f3 63.gxf3** Threatening mate with Kc6-d6. K3P-K3P
63...f4 64.Kd6 White mates. **64...f5 65.Ke5 Kxc7 66.Kxf4 Kd6 67.Kxf5 Kd5 68.f4 Kd4 69.Kg5 Ke4 70.f5**
[Worse is 70.Kxh4 Kxf4 71.Kh5 Kf5=]
70...Kd5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.25 (precise)
1-0

C07
□ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2330**
■ **Nitish,Belurkar** **2419**
Raipur Chhattisgarh (5) 23.09.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Bd3 e5!** punktet besser als das ältere 6...Nc6. **7.N4f3 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 Qxd1+ 10.Kxd1 Nd7 11.Re1N**
[11.c3 Nc5 12.Bc2 f6 13.Be3 Be6 14.b3 0-0-0+ 15.Ke2 Be7 16.Rad1 g6 17.h3 Bd5 18.g4 Ne4 19.Bxe4 Bxe4 20.Bxa7 Kc7 21.Be3 b5 22.Rhe1 Ra8 23.Rd2 Rhd8 24.Red1 Rxd2+ 25.Rxd2 Kc6 ½-½ Brittner,S (2053)-Move Sidelines (2537) Staunton Memorial 7th 2009 (9)]
11...Bd6N

[Vorgänger: 11...f6 12.Be3 Nc5 13.Bxc5 Bxc5 14.Ke2 Be6 -0.51/20 *(14...Bd7∓ -0.93/19)* 15.Red1∓ Ke7 16.Rd2 Rad8 ...f6-f5 is the strong threat. 17.Rad1 Rxd2+ 18.Rxd2 ½-½ (24) Quesada Perez,Y (2580)-Ramirez Alvarez,A (2561) Santo Domingo 2022]

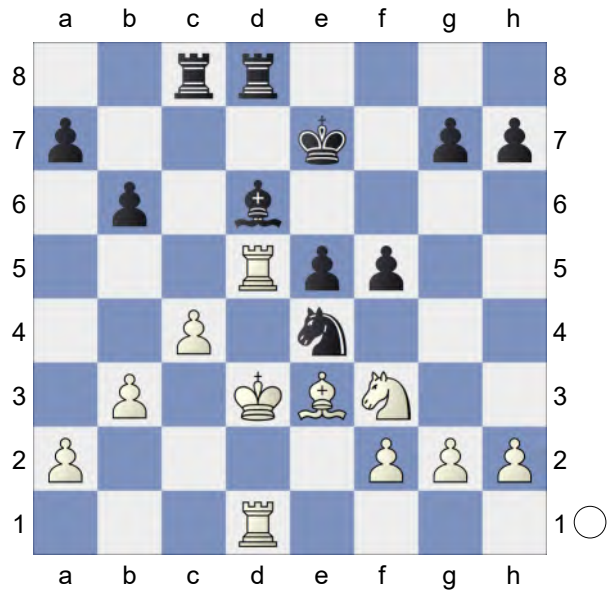
12.Ke2 The position is equal. **12...Nc5 13.Bd5 Be6 14.Rd1 Ke7 15.Be3 f6 16.c4 Rac8 17.b3 b6 18.Rd2 Rhd8 19.Rad1 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 Ne4**

[20...Ne6 simplifies 21.Ne1 Bc5 22.Rxd8 Nxd8 23.f4 Bxe3]

21.Kd3 Wards off Ne4-c3

[21.R1d3 simplifies Bc5 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Rxd8 Kxd8 24.Bxc5 Nxc5 25.Ke3]

21...f5



White must now prevent ...Ne4-f6. **22.Kc2 Nf6! 23.Bg5⇄** White has counterplay **23...Ke6 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.g3 Be7 26.Rxd8 Bxd8 27.Re1** Nf3-d4+ would now be deadly. **27...Kd7 28.Rd1+ Ke6 29.Re1** Threatens to win with Nf3-d4+. **29...Kd7 30.Rd1+ Ke6** A rather calm draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

C07

□ **Illescas Cordoba,Miguel** **2585**
■ **Rustemov,Alexander** **2597**
Espana 86/276 2002
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.Qe2 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Bg5 a6 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Bd3 Be7 12.Kb1 Bb7 13.Nfxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4** Black must now prevent Nd4-f5! **14...Bd5 15.Nf3 0-0 16.h4 b4** 0.01/20

[16...Qc7∓ -0.38/20]

17.Ne5= a5 18.Rh3 Rfd8 19.Rg3 -0.36/21

[19.Bf4= 0.01/21]

19...Kf8N 0.01/22

[19...a4∓ -0.36/21 might be stronger. 20.f4 a3 21.b3 Qc7 22.Rc1 g6 23.c4 bxc3 24.Bxf6 Bxf6 25.h5 Bg7 26.hxg6 hxg6 27.Bc2 Rab8 28.Rh1 Rb4 29.Nxg6 fxg6 30.Rxg6 Be4 31.Rxe6 Bxc2+ 32.Qxc2 Rxf4 33.g3 Qf7 4 Chapter-Games Chapter 10 Game]

20.Bf4 And now Qe2-e3 would win. **20...Qb6 21.Bxh7!** Bf4-h6! would now be deadly. Deflection **21...b3?** 1.89/21

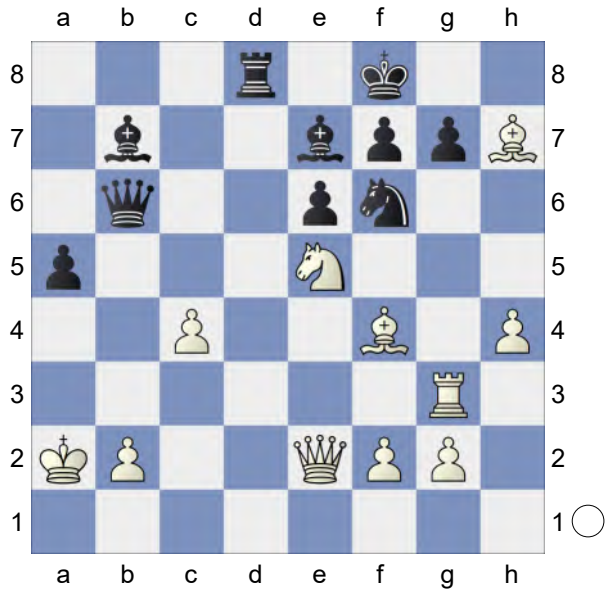
[21...Nxh7 22.Qh5 Bxa2+ 23.Kxa2 b3+ 24.cxb3 *(24.Rxb3 Qxb3+ 25.cxb3 g6 26.Qxh7 Rxd1 27.Qxf7#)* 24...g6 25.Qxh7]

[21...Bd6= -0.29/21 22.Bd3 Qd4 23.Rxg7 Decoy *(23.Qe3 Qxe3 24.fxe3 Rac8∓)* 23...Kxg7 24.Bh6+ Decoy Kxh6 25.Qd2+ Kg7 26.Qg5+ Kf8 27.Ng6+ fxg6 28.Qh6+ Kg8

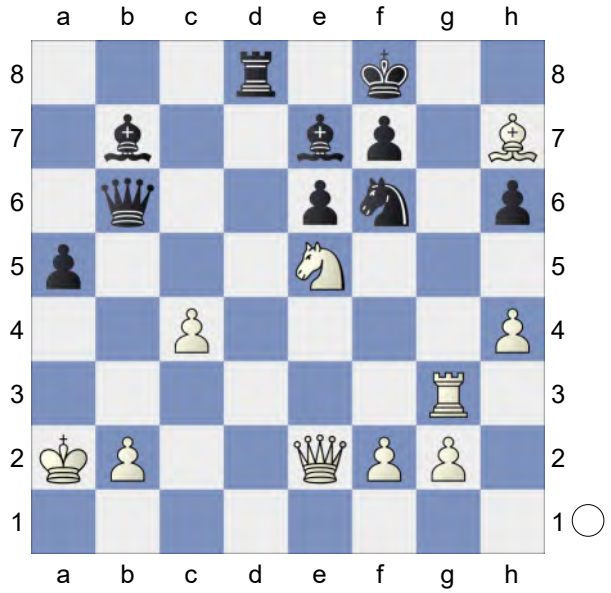
29.Qxg6+ Kf8 30.Qh6+ Kg8 31.Qg5+ Kh8 *(31...Kf8 32.Qh6+ Kg8 33.Qg5+ Kh8 34.Qh6+ Kg8=)* 32.Qh6+ Kg8 33.Qg6+ Kf8 34.Qh6+ Kg8]

22.c4!+- bxa2+ 23.Kxa2 Bb7 2.51/24
[⌓23...Qb4 1.89/22]

24.Rxd8+ Rxd8



25.Bh6! gxh6
[25...Nxh7 26.Qh5 *(26.Rxg7 Nf6+-)* 26...Qxf2 27.Rxg7 Ke8 28.Rxf7 *(28.Rxh7 Ba3+-; 28.Rxh7 Ba3+-)*]



26.Qh5!! Double Attack **26...Qxb2+ 27.Kxb2 Ba3+**
[27...Rd2+ 28.Ka1 *(28.Kc1 Ba3+ 29.Rxa3 Nxh5+-)* 28...Ke8 29.Qxf7+ Kd8 30.Rg7 *(30.Rd3+ Rxd3 31.Bxd3 Nd7+-)* 30...Rd1+ 31.Bb1 Rxb1+ 32.Kxb1 Be4+ 33.Kb2 *(33.Ka2 Nd5 34.Qxe6 Nb4+ 35.Kb2 Nd3+ 36.Ka1 Nxe5 37.Qxe7+ Kc8 38.Rg8#)*]

28.Kxa3 Nxh5 29.Rg8+ Ke7 30.Rxd8 Kxd8± Endgame. KBN-KBN **31.g4** 0.68/27 White is more active.
[31.Nxf7+± 1.13/25 Ke7 32.Nxh6 Bxg2 33.Ng4]

31...f6± 32.Nf7+ 0.47/24
[32.gxh5± 1.00/26 fxe5 33.Ka4]

32...Ke7 33.gxh5 0.01/29
[White should try 33.Nxh6± 0.53/25 Nf4 34.g5 fxg5 35.hxg5]

33...Kxf7 KB-KB. The position is equal.

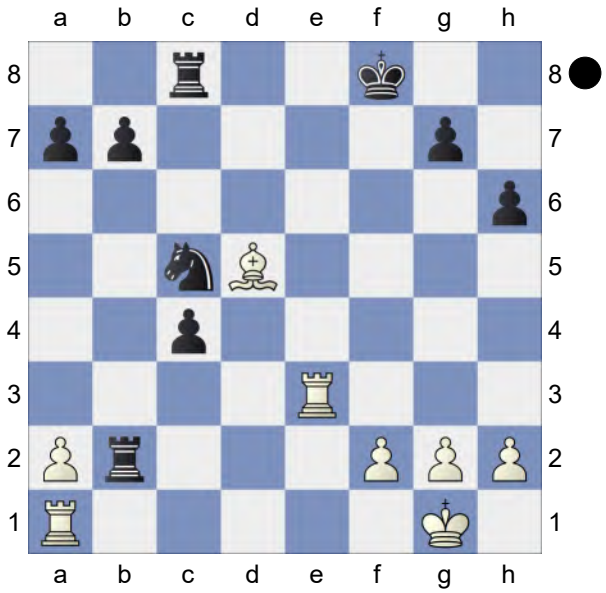
34.Ka4 f5! 35.Kxa5 Bf3 36.Bg6+ Ke7 37.Kb6 Kd7 38.Kc5 Ke7 39.Kd4 Kf6 40.Be8 e5+ 41.Kc3 f4 42.c5 Ke6 43.Kb4 e4 44.Bc6 Ke5 45.Kc3 Bxh5 46.Ba4 e3 Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)

½-½

	C09
☐ **Cumpe,Lucas**	**2251**
■ **Slipak,Sergio**	**2374**
ARG-ch sf 99th (3)	03.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]	

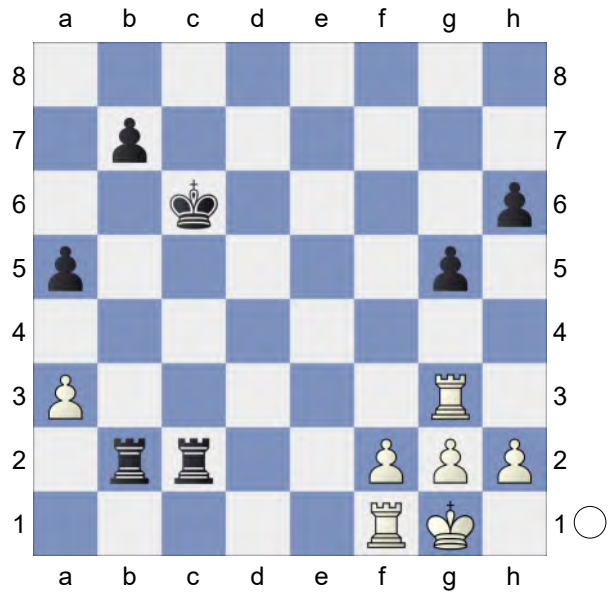
C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Qe7+!** outshines the older 6... Bd6. erfolgreicher als das alte 6...Ld6.

7.Be2 Qc7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1 Be6 White has an edge. **10.Bb5**
[10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.c3 *(12.Bg5 Ne4 13.Bh4 0-0 14.c3 Rae8 15.Nbd4 a6 16.Bd3 Bg4 17.h3 Bh5 18.Qb3 Bxd4 19.Nxd4 Nxd4 20.Qxd5 Nxc3 21.Qxh5 g6 22.Qh6 Nd5 23.Be4 Qf4 24.Bg5 Qd6 25.Rad1 Nf6 26.Bxf6 Qxf6* ½-½ Maltsevskaya,A (2374)-Kashlinskaya,A (2468) Swiss Queens Wed #8 blitz 2024 (10)) 12...0-0 13.Nbd4 Bg4 14.Be3 Rfe8 15.Nb5 Qd8 16.Nbd4 Qc7 17.Nb5 Qd8 18.Nbd4 Qc7 19.Nb5 ½-½ Ma,Q (2659)-Xu,X (2578) CHN-chT Nanjing 2023 (5.1)]
10...h6N Dodges Nf3-g5
[10...Bd6 11.dxc5 *(11.Nb3 c4 12.Nc5 Bxc5 13.dxc5* C3) French Tarrasch – 3...c-French Tarrasch – 3...c5 4. *)* 11...Bxc5 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.Be3 0-0 14.a4 Bg4 15.Bxb6 Qxb6 16.Be2 Rfe8 17.a5 Qb4 18.c3 Qf4 19.a6 bxa6 20.Qd2 Qxd2 21.Nbxd2 Rab8 22.b4 d4 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.Bxg4 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Kumari,P (2629)-5...d6 6...a6 (2450) XXVII Open Metz FRA 2009]
11.Nb3N
[Vorgänger: 11.c4 Be7 12.Nb3 -0.07/22 *(12.cxd5± 0.40/20 Bxd5 13.Qe2)* 12...0-0 13.cxd5 Bxd5 aiming for ...c5-c4. 14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Nxc5 Rad8 16.Nd3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Rxd4 ½-½ Bunyan,H (2031)-Fabiani,J (2272) IECG WC.2003.S.00011 email 2001]
11...c4 12.Nc5 Bxc5 13.dxc5 0-0 14.Be3 -0.22/20
[14.Bxc6± 0.42/21 Qxc6 15.Qd4]
14...Ng4 0.23/18
[⌓14...Bg4! -0.22/20]
15.Qd2 -0.21/21
[⌓15.Bd4 0.23/18]
15...Nxe3= 16.Qxe3 Rac8 17.c3 Against Nc6-b4 **17...Nb8 18.Nd4 Qxc5 19.Ba4**
[19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Ba4 *(20.Qxe6+? Kh8-+)* 20...Rf6 21.Qxc5 Rxc5∓]
19...Rfd8 20.Nxe6
[20.Qg3 is interesting. Rd6 21.Re2 Ra6 22.Bc2]
20...Qxe3 21.Rxe3 fxe6 22.Rxe6 Na6 Hoping for ...Na6-c5. **23.Re7 Nc5 24.Bc2 d4 25.cxd4 Rxd4 26.Bg6 Rd6 27.Bh5 Rb6** 0.14/22
[⌓27...Rd2 -0.24/21]
28.Bf3 -1.25/23
[28.Be2= 0.14/22 remains equal.]
28...Kf8!∓ 29.Re3 -1.66/20
[29.Re2∓ -1.12/23 might work better.]
29...Rxb2-+ 30.Bd5

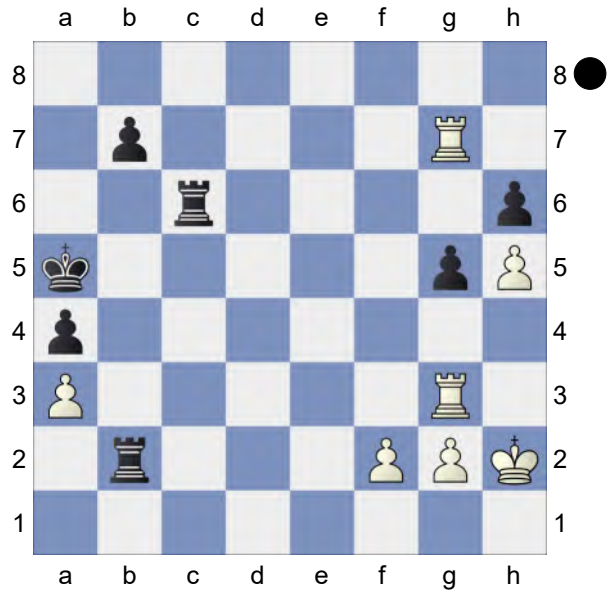


Nd3 -0.79/24
[Inferior is 30...b5 31.Rae1 Nd7 *(31...Rxa2 32.Rf3#)* 32.Re7=]
[30...Nd7!-+ -1.69/22 is more deadly. ...c4-c3 would now be deadly. 31.Be6 Rc7]
31.Rf3+∓ Ke7 32.Re3+ Kd6 33.Bxc4

Remove Defender **33...Rxc4 34.Rxd3+** Endgame. KRR-KRR **34...Kc6 35.a3 Rcc2** -0.20/22
[35...b5∓ -0.76/21]
36.Rf1 a5 37.Rg3 g5



38.h4! Rc5
[38...gxh4 39.Rg6+]
39.Re1 Kb5 40.h5 a4 41.Re6 Rc1+ 42.Kh2 Rc6! 43.Re7 Ka5 44.Rg7 -1.47/24
[Better is 44.Rf3∓ -0.40/25]



44...b5 -0.68/25
[Much weaker is 44...Rxf2?! 45.Rxb7 Rf4 46.Rd3=]
[44...Rb3!∓ -1.47/24 45.Rg6 Kb5]
45.Rg6∓ Rbc2 46.Re3! b4 -0.01/26
[46...R2c3!∓ -0.70/25 47.Rxc6 Rxc6]
47.Rxc6= Rxc6 KR-KR **48.Re5+ Kb6** The position is equal. **49.axb4 Rc4 50.Re6+! Kb5 51.Rxh6 a3 52.Rh8 Rxb4** Strongly threatening ...a3-a2. **53.h6 a2 54.Rb8+! Kc4 55.Ra8 Kb3** And now ...Rb4-a4 would win. **56.h7 Rh4+ 57.Kg3 Rxh7 58.Rb8+ Kc2**
[58...Ka3!? 59.Ra8+□ Kb2 60.Rb8+ Kc2=]
59.Rc8+ Kb2 60.Rb8+ Kc2 61.Rc8+ Kb2 62.Rb8+ Kc2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

C09
□ **Paszewski,Mateusz** **2279**
■ **Aloma Vidal,Roberto** **2437**
Budapest SixDays 05 GM-B (4) 29.05.23
[Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd6 8.Nb3 Nge7 9.Nbxd4 0-0 10.c3** The old main line. The old main line. **10...Bg4 11.Be2 Re8**
[11...a6 12.Be3 Qc7 13.h3 Bh5 14.Nh4 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Rfe8 16.Rfe1 Qd7 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qh6 Be5 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.Bd4 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Qf6 23.Re3 Nf5 24.Nxf5 Qxf5 25.Rh4 g5 26.Rh5 1-0 9.♘c3 ♘e7 10.♘e4-Blackford,R Italian Championship, Rome 2013]
12.Bg5

[12.Re1 a6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Qb6 15.Qb3 Bc5 16.Qxb6 Bxb6 17.Bd3 Kf8 18.a3 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.cxd4 Nf5 21.f3 Nxh4 22.fxg4 Ng6 23.g3 Ne7 24.Bf1 Nc6 25.Bg2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Rd8 ½-½ Id2 (2700)-Djuric,S (2670) 50/277 Philadelphia 1990 (4)]

12...h6 13.Be3N

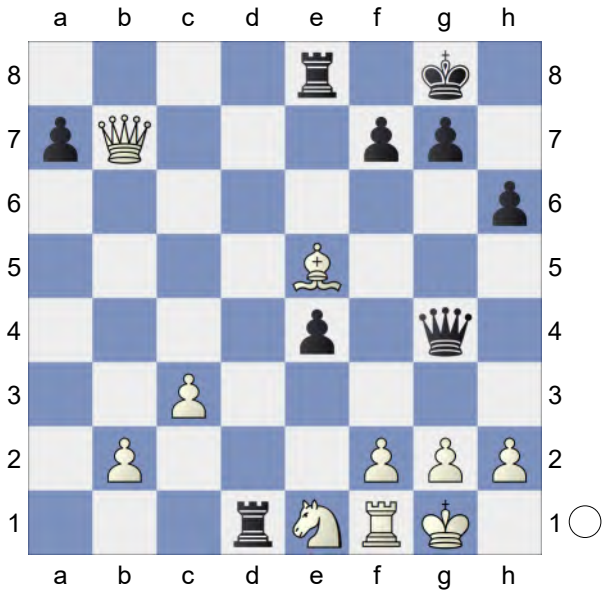
[13.Bh4 Qb6 14.Qd2 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxe2 16.Nxe2 Nf5 17.Bg3 Nxg3 18.hxg3 Rad8 19.Rfe1 Chapter C3-11.Be2]

13...a6N

[Vorgänger: 13...Nf5 14.Nxf5 Bxf5 15.Qd2 Be4 16.Rad1 Qf6 17.Ne1 -0.62/19 *(17.Nd4= -0.05/20)* 17...Rad8 18.Bf3 -1.05/21 *(18.Qc1∓ -0.67/20 might be stronger.)* 18...Ne5!∓ 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Qe2 Prevents Ne5-g4. Qe6 21.Bf4 -1.39/19 *(White should try 21.a3 -0.88/21)* 21...Qxa2∓ 22.Qb5 Black must now prevent Rd1xd6! Qe6 23.Qxb7? -3.50/22 *(23.Bg3∓ -1.32/21)* 23...Qg4? -0.21/23 *(Better is 23...Nc4-+ -3.50/22 24.Rxd6 Nxd6 25.Qxa7 Qb3)* 24.Rxd6!= Rxd6 0.61/21 *(24...Qxf4= -0.29/24 25.Rxd8 Rxd8)* 25.Bxe5± Rd1 2.11/24 *(25...Rd7± 0.75/23 26.Qb3 Qd1 27.Qxd1 Rxd1)*

(Diagram)

26.Qb5? 0.52/21 *(26.Nc2!+- 2.11/24)* 26...Re6? 2.64/25 *(26...Rxe5!± 0.52/21 27.Qxe5 Qe2)* 27.Bd4+- Rg6 aiming for ...Rd1xe1! 28.g3 h5 4.26/24 *(28...a6 2.72/22* might work better. *29.Qb8+ Kh7)* 29.Nc2 1-0 Johnson,B (2178)-Sena,J (2142) New York Masters Int 1st 2003 (1)]



14.Qd2 The position is equal. **14...Bc7 15.Bf4 Bb6 16.Rfe1 Ng6 17.Bg3 Qf6**

[17...Nxd4 simplifies 18.Nxd4 Bxe2 19.Rxe2 Rxe2 20.Nxe2 h5]

18.Rad1 h5 And now ...Bg4xf3 would win.

[18...Nxd4 simplifies 19.Nxd4 Bxe2 20.Rxe2 Bxd4 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.cxd4 Rc8]

19.h3 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 -0.46/24

[20.cxd4= 0.00/24 Bf5 21.h4]

20...Bxe2∓ 21.Rxe2 h4 22.Bh2 Bxd4 23.cxd4 Rac8 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Qd3 Qb6 26.Qd2 Qb5 Threatening ...Re8-e2. **27.Rc1** White is weak on the light squares **27...Qe2 28.Bf4 Re4 29.Rc8+ Kh7 30.Qxe2 Rxe2** Endgame. KRB-KRN **31.Bc1 Re1+ 32.Kh2 Ne7 33.Re8** -0.42/25

[33.Rc7= -0.01/26]

33...Kg6 34.Bd2 Re4 35.f3 -0.38/26

[35.Bc3= -0.01/25]

35...Re6

[35...Rxd4? 36.Bc3 *(36.Rxe7 Rxd2 37.Rxb7 d4∓)* 36...Rf4 37.Rxe7+-]

36.Rd8? -2.42/26

[36.Kg1= -0.24/24 and White stays safe.]

36...Re2-+ 37.Re8 Re6? -0.01/22
[Black should play 37...Rxd2-+ -2.58/26 38.Rxe7 Rxb2]
38.Rd8= f6 39.Kg1 Re2 40.Bf4? -3.69/25
[40.Bc3 -2.13/24 is the only way for White.]
40...Rxb2-+ 41.Rd7 Nf5 42.Rxd5 Rxa2 43.Rd7 Ra4 44.Rxb7 Rxd4 45.Bb8 a5 46.Ra7 a4 47.Kf1 Rb4 48.Bc7 Rb1+ 49.Ke2 Rb2+ 50.Kd3 -3.96/26
[⩲50.Ke1 -2.61/26 Ra2 *(50...Rxg2 51.Rxa4 Kf7 52.Ra7∓)* 51.Bf4]
50...Ra2 -2.29/28
[50...Rxg2 51.Rxa4 Rb2 52.Rc4∓]
[⩲50...Rb3+ -3.96/26 51.Kd2 a3]
51.Bf4 a3 52.Ra5 -2.85/28
[⩲52.Bd2 -1.87/27]
52...Ra1 53.Bd2? -3.66/26
[53.Ke2 -2.06/25]
53...Ne7? -1.43/26
[53...a2-+ -3.66/26 Threatens to win with ...Ra1-g1. 54.Ra4 Rg1 55.Rxa2 Rxg2]
54.Ke2 -2.11/28
[54.Ra4∓ -1.43/26 was necessary.]
54...Nc6 55.Ra4 a2 56.Kf2 Kf5 57.Ra6 Ne7 58.Ra5+ Ke6 59.Ke3 Nc6 60.Ra6 Kd5 61.Bc3 Rc1 62.Kd2? -5.85/27
[62.Kd3 -2.78/27 is more resistant. Nb4+ *(62...a1B? 63.Bxa1 Nb4+ 64.Kd2-+)* 63.Bxb4]
62...Rg1 63.Ke3 Rxg2 64.Be1 Kc5 65.Bf2 Nb4 66.Ra7 Kb6 67.Ra4 Kb5 68.Ra8

(Diagram)

a1Q -8.66/25 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.30
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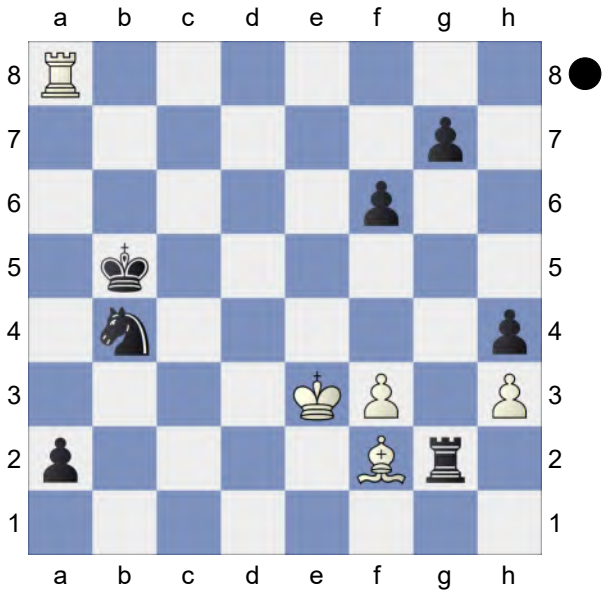
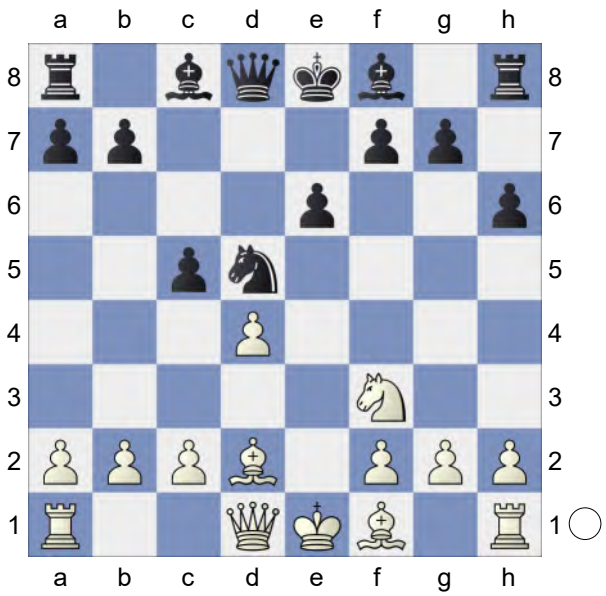


C10
□ **Iordachescu,Viorel** **2587**
■ **Meier,Georg** **2506**
EU-ch 8th Dresden (11) 14.04.2007
[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 Bojan Vuckovic: 'Current Reputation: Playable for both sides' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Nxf6+ Nxf6 8.Be3 Nd5 9.Bd2 c5** 0.79/21
[9...Nf6± 0.32/19 is superior.]

(Diagram)

10.Bb5+!± Bd7 11.Bxd7+ White is slightly better. **11...Qxd7 12.c4 Nb6 13.Rc1 Be7 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.b4 Be7 16.c5 Nd5 17.Ne5! Qc7**
[17...Qb5? 18.a4 Bf6 *(18...Qa6? 19.b5+-)* 19.axb5+-]
18.Qa4+ Kf8 19.Nc4 g6N 0.91/20
[19...h5± 0.52/20 20.0-0 h4 21.h3



Rh5 22.Rfe1 a6 23.Qb3 Rd8 24.a3 Kg8 25.Red1 Rf5 26.Qc2 Qc6 27.Be3 Rd7 28.Rd3 Bd8 French Defense,C-Rubinstein Variation,W 334 Linz 2012]

20.0-0 Kg7 21.Qb3 Rhd8 22.Rfe1 Rac8 23.g3 b6 1.39/24

[Black should try 23...h5± 0.58/21]

24.cxb6 axb6 25.Ne5 Qb7 26.b5 0.68/22

[26.Bxh6+!± 1.37/23 Kxh6 27.Nxf7+ Discovered Attack, Double Attack Kg7 28.Nxd8 Bxd8 29.Rxc8 Qxc8 30.Qf3]

26...Rxc1± 27.Bxc1 Ra8 28.a4 h5 29.Nc6 Bf6 30.Bd2 0.31/24

[⩲30.h4 0.70/23]

30...Qc7 0.67/24

[⩲30...h4 0.31/24]

31.h4 Qd6 32.Rc1 Kh7 33.Rc4 Qd7 34.Qd3 Kg7 35.Qf3 Rc8 36.Bg5 Bxg5 37.hxg5 Rc7 38.Qe4 0.52/24

[38.Qa3± 0.90/24]

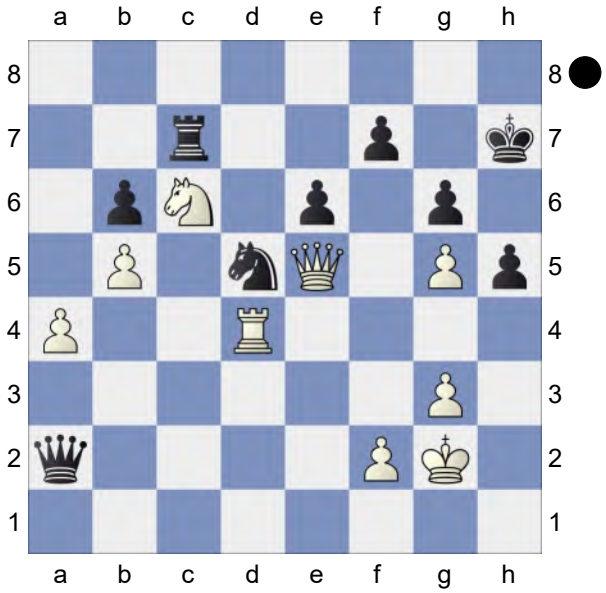
38...Qd6! 39.Qd4+ Kh7 40.Qb2

[40.Rb4!?]

40...Qf8 41.Qe5 0.36/24

[White should play 41.a5± 0.81/24 a5-a6 would now be deadly. bxa5 42.Nxa5]

41...Qa3 42.Kg2 Qa2 43.Rd4



Strongly threatening Nc6-b4. **43...Rc8 44.Qe4 Qb2 45.Rxd5 exd5 46.Qxd5** Endgame. KQR-KQN **46...Kg7 47.Ne5 Rc7 48.Nc4 Qc3**

[48...Rc5? 49.Qxc5 Qc3 50.Qe5+ *(50.Nxb6? Qxc5 51.g4 Qxb6-+; 50.Qxb6 Qxc4 51.Qf6+ Kg8+-)* 50...Qxe5 51.Nxe5+-]

49.Nxb6 Rc5 50.Qf3 aiming for Qf3xc3+. **50...Qxf3+**

[50...Qd2 is interesting. 51.Qf4 Qd1 52.Qf3 Qd2]

51.Kxf3 And now Kf3-e4 would win.

51...Rxg5= KR-KN **52.Ke4** -0.01/26

[52.Nc8!± 0.39/25 Rc5 53.Na7 Rc3+ 54.Kg2]

52...Kf6 53.f4? -7.47/25 This costs White the game.

[53.Nc4= 0.01/24 Ke6 54.b6]

53...Rxg3-+ 54.Nd5+ Ke6 55.b6 h4 White must now prevent ...h4-h3. **56.f5+ gxf5+ 57.Kd4 h3** (→ ...h3-h2) **58.Kc5 h2 59.b7 Rb3** -12.58/21

[59...h1R? 60.Nc7+ *(60.b8B? Rc1+ 61.Kd4 Rd1+ 62.Kc4 Rg8-+)* 60...Kf6 61.b8Q *(61.b8B? Rc1+*

62.Kd4 Ra3-+) 61...Rc1+ 62.Kd6+-]
[⌓59...h1Q -#11/22 60.Nf4+ Kd7 61.b8N+ Kc8 62.Nd5 Rd3 *(62...Kxb8 63.Nf6 Kb7 64.Kd6 Qe1 65.Nd5 Qe6+ 66.Kc5 Rg4 67.Nf4 Rxf4 68.Kb5 Qe5#)* 63.Ne7+ Kb7 *(63...Kxb8 64.Nc6+ Kb7 65.Nd4 Qe4 66.Kb4 Qxd4+ 67.Kb5 Qd5+ 68.Kb4 Rb3#)* 64.Nbc6 Qc1+ 65.Kb5 Rb3+ 66.Nb4 Qc2 *(66...Qd2 67.Kc5 Rc3+ 68.Kb5 Qe2+ 69.Nd3 Qxd3+ 70.Kb4 Qd4+ 71.Kb5 Qc5#)* 67.Ng8 Qc6+ 68.Ka5 Qc5#]

60.Nb6 h1Q
[60...h1B? loses. 61.b8Q *(61.b8B? too greedy. Bb7-+)* 61...f4 62.Qe8+ *(62.Qxf4 Rb1+-)* 62...Kf6 63.Qh8+ Kg5 64.Qxh1+-]

61.b8Q Qc1+ 62.Kd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.32

0-1

C05

□ **Emms,John M** **2546**
■ **Adams,Michael** **2715**
Southend (m/2) 78/(340) 2000
[Kitty Kat]

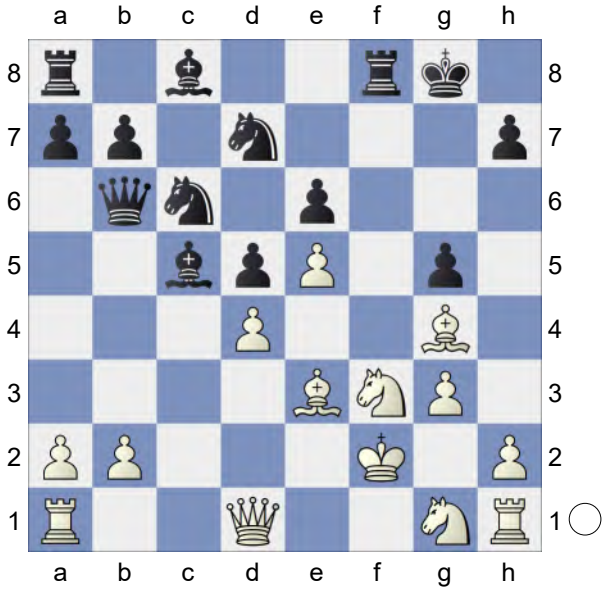
C05: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7, 5 f4 and 5 Bd3 sidelines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Qb6 9.g3 Bb4+ 10.Kf2 g5 11.Be3 f6 12.Bh3**
[12.fxg5 fxe5 13.Nxe5 Ncxe5 14.dxe5 Bc5 15.Bxc5 Nxc5∓ *(15...Qxb2+ 16.Qe2±)*]

12...0-0 1.34/19
[12...gxf4± 0.43/20 13.gxf4 fxe5 14.fxe5 Nf8]

13.Bg4? -0.31/22
[13.fxg5?! fxe5 14.Bxe6+ Kh8=]
[13.Bxe6+?! Kh8±]
[13.Ne2± 1.34/19]

13...fxe5∓
[13...gxf4 is interesting. 14.gxf4 fxe5 15.fxe5 Ndxe5 16.dxe5 d4]

14.fxe5 Hoping for Ng1-e2! The position is equal. **14...Bc5!**

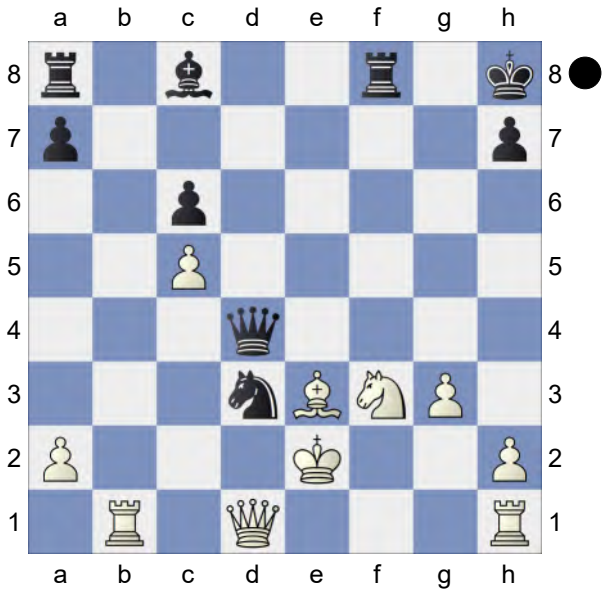


aiming for ...Nd7xe5! Discovered Attack **15.Bxe6+ Kh8 16.dxc5 Qxb2+ 17.Bd2** Strongly threatening Kf2-g2.
[17.Ne2 g4 *(17...Ndxe5? 18.Rb1-+)* 18.Rb1 *(18.Bxg4? Ndxe5* Discovered Attack *19.Kg1 Bxg4-+)* 18...Rxf3+ 19.Kg2 Qxe5∓]

17...g4 0.60/21
[17...Nxc5= -0.29/24 18.Rb1 *(18.Bxd5 Ne7∓)* 18...Qxa2 Decoy *(18...Qxe5 19.Bxc8 Raxc8 20.Kg2±; 18...Qxd2+ 19.Qxd2 Ne4+ 20.Kg2=)*]

18.Bxd5? -6.21/20 This costs White the game.
[18.Bxg4 Qd4+ *(18...Ndxe5? 19.Bxc8 Raxc8 20.Kg2+-)* 19.Kg2 Qxg4=]
[18.Rb1± 0.60/21 Qd4+ 19.Be3 Qxd1 20.Rxd1 Ndxe5 Pin 21.Bxd5 *(21.Bxc8 Raxc8 22.Bf4 gxf3=)* 21...gxf3 22.Bc1 *(22.Bxf3? Ng4+ 23.Ke2 Re8-+)*]

18...Ndxe5-+ Pin **19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Rb1 Qd4+**
[20...Rxf3+? 21.Nxf3 Nd3+ 22.Kg1+-]
21.Be3 Nd3+
[21...Rxf3+? 22.Qxf3 *(22.Nxf3 Nd3+ 23.Ke2 gxf3+ 24.Kd2 Qe4±)* 22...Nxf3 23.Bxd4+ Nxd4 24.Ne2+-]
22.Ke2 gxf3+ 23.Nxf3



Qe4! 24.Qxd3 Ba6
[Stronger than 24...Qxf3+ 25.Kd2 Qg2+ 26.Kc3=]
25.Qxa6 Qxf3+ 26.Kd2 Rfd8+ -12.58/22
[⌓26...Rad8+ -#9/20 27.Qd3 Rxd3+ 28.Kxd3 Rd8+ Deflection 29.Kc2 Qe2+ *(29...Qxe3* leads to mate. *30.Rb3 Qe4+ 31.Kc3 Qxh1 32.Kb4 Qxh2 33.Ka3 Qc2 34.Rf3 Rd4 35.Rb3 Qxc5+ 36.Kb2 Rd2+ 37.Ka1 Rd1+ 38.Rb1 Qe5#)* 30.Kb3 Rd3+ *(30...Qxe3+? 31.Ka4-+; 30...Rb8+ 31.Kc3 Qxe3+ 32.Kc2 Rd8 33.Rb3 Qe4+ 34.Kc3 Qxh1 35.Kb4 Qxh2 36.Ka3 Qc2 37.Rf3 Rd4 38.Rb3 Qxc5+ 39.Kb2 Rd2+ 40.Ka1 Rd1+ 41.Rb1 Qe5#)* 31.Kb4 Qxa2 *(31...Qxe3* gets mated. *32.Rb3 Qd2+ 33.Ka3 Qa5+ 34.Kb2 Rd2+* Skewer *35.Kc1 Qxa2 36.Rb8+ Kg7 37.Rb7+ Kg6 38.Rg7+ Kxg7 39.h4 Qc2#)* 32.Bd4+ Kg8 *(32...Rxd4+ 33.Kc3 Qc4+ 34.Kb2 Rd2+ 35.Ka3 Ra2#)* 33.Rb3 Rxb3+ 34.Kc4 Qa4#]
27.Kc2 Qe4+ 28.Kb2 Rab8+ Skewer **29.Ka3 Qxe3+ 30.Rb3 Qxc5+** Black mates. **31.Kb2 Rd2+ 32.Kb1 Rxb3+ 33.axb3N Qc2+ 34.Ka1 Qb2#** Weighted Error Value: White=1.58/ Black=0.40. An unexpected result.
½-½

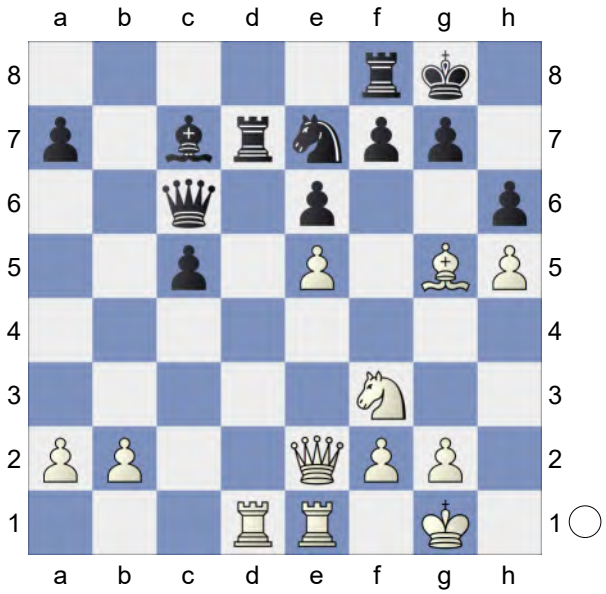
C07
□ **Svidler,Peter** **2698**
■ **Halnyazow,Vepaly** **2049**
FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz (6.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4** ChessBase II **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qe2 Ne7 10.Nf3 Ng6** The position is equal. **11.e5 Bc7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
[13.Ng5 Qe8 14.f4 f5 15.c4 Bb6+ 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.b3 a5 18.Bd2 a4 19.b4 c5 20.Rab1 Rb8 21.Rfc1 d4 22.a3 ½-½ Galkin,S (2635)-5.f3 c6 6.♕d2 b5 (2726) Alekhine Memorial-02 1971]
[13.b3 a5 14.Bd2 c5 15.Ng5 Bxe5 16.Qh5 h6 17.Nxf7 Qf6 18.Bg5 Nf4 19.Bxf6 Nxh5 20.Nxh6+ gxh6 21.Bxe5 a4 22.f4 Nf6 23.Rf3 Kf7 24.Bd6 Rfc8 25.Rg3 Ne4 26.Bxe4 dxe4 27.Re1 axb3 ½-½ Le Corre,B (2310)-Decker,T (2234) Wasselonne op 25th 2023 (7)]

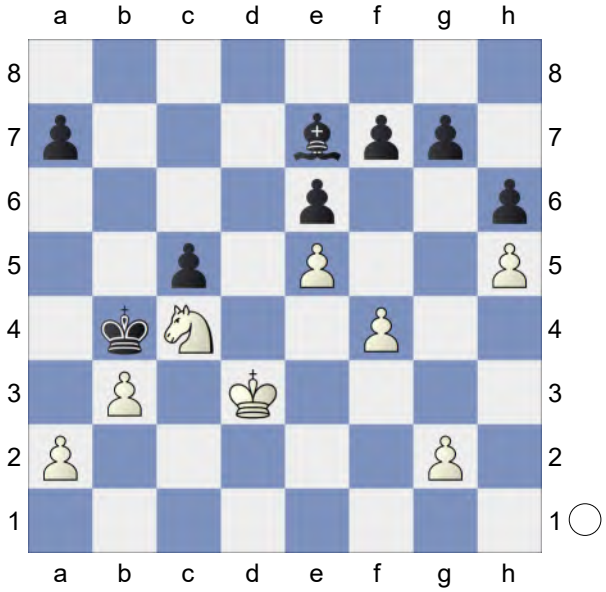
13...c5 14.c4 Bc6 15.cxd5N
[Vorgänger: 15.Ng5 aiming for Qe2-h5. Qe8 0.50/20 *(15...Qd7!= -0.23/21)* 16.cxd5 -0.33/21 *(16.Qg4± 0.50/20)* 16...Bxd5∓ 17.f4 h6 18.Ne4 Qc6 19.b3 Rad8 -0.10/16 *(Black should play 19...Rfd8∓ -0.68/21)* 20.Qc2 -0.62/22 *(20.h3= -0.10/16)* 20...Bb6 -0.19/21 *(20...Ba5∓ -0.62/22 21.Re2 Bb6)* 21.Kh1! 0-1 Sebag,M (2486)-Godart,F (2420) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (7) Nh4 22.Be3 Rd7 23.Rac1 Rfd8 24.Bf2 Ng6 25.Bf1 Nxf4 26.Bh4 Bxe4 27.Rxe4 Rd2 28.Qc4 g5 29.Rxf4 gxf4 30.Bxd8 Bxd8 31.Qxf4 Bg5 32.Qg3 Qe4 33.Re1 Qd4 34.Qf3 Rxa2 35.Re4 Qf2 36.Rg4 0-1 Stratil,P (2486)-10.0-0 Bd7 11.Rc1 Rc8 (2420) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (7) Qe1 37.h4 Rf2 38.Qa8+ Kg7 0-1 Stratil,P (2486)-10.0-0 ♗d7 11. ♖c1 ♖c8_1 (2420) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (7)]
15...Bxd5 16.Be4 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 Qd5 18.Qe2 Rad8 White should prevent ... Ng6xe5! **19.Bg5 Rd7** 0.35/22
[19...Rc8= -0.19/22]
20.Rad1 Qc6 21.h4 With the idea h4-h5. **21...h6 22.h5 Ne7**

(Diagram)

White must now prevent ...Rd7xd1.
23.Bxe7 Rxe7 24.Nh2 Rd7 25.Rxd7 Qxd7 26.Rd1 Qa4 27.b3 Qh4 0.46/25
[27...Qc6= 0.01/23]
28.Rd7↑ White is pushing. **28...Bb6 29.Qg4 Qxg4 30.Nxg4 Rd8** 0.78/26
[30...c4!= 0.01/25 remains equal.]
31.Rxd8+± Bxd8 Endgame. KB-KN **32.Kf1 Kf8 33.Ke2 Ke7 34.Kd3 Kd7 35.Kc4** 0.43/27



[35.f4± 1.00/27]
35...Kc6± 36.f4 0.01/26
[White should try 36.g3± 0.63/25]
36...Bh4!= 37.Kd3 Kb5 38.Ne3 Be7 1.17/25
[38...Bg3= 0.00/26]
39.Nc4 0.78/25
[⌓39.f5 1.17/25]
39...Kb4? 4.58/25
[39...Kc6± 0.78/25 is more resistant.]



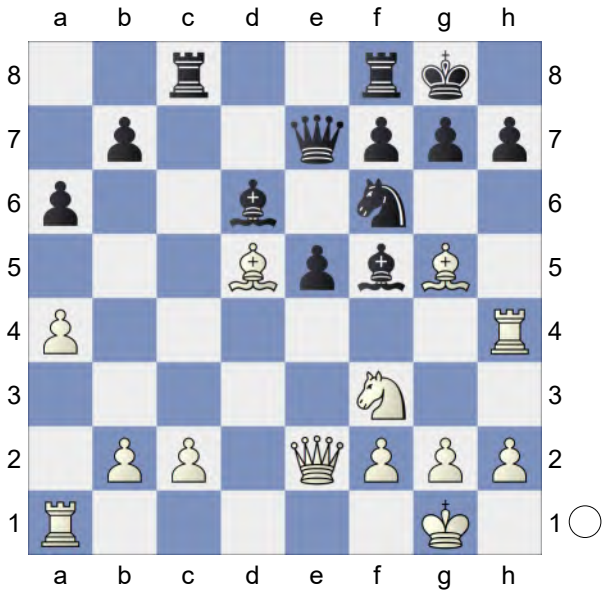
40.Kc2? 0.68/26
[40.Nd6!+- 4.58/25]

40...g6? 2.23/29
[40...Kb5!± 0.68/26]
41.g4 1.17/28
[41.Nd6+- 2.23/29]
41...gxh5± 42.gxh5 Bh4? 8.53/26
[42...Kb5± 1.00/28]
43.a3++- Kb5 44.Nd6+ Kc6 45.Nxf7 Bg3 46.Nxh6 Bxf4 47.Ng4 Kd5 48.Kd3 Bxe5 49.Nxe5 Kxe5 50.h6 Threatening mate with h6-h7. **50...Kf6 51.Ke4 a5 52.a4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.59
1-0

C07

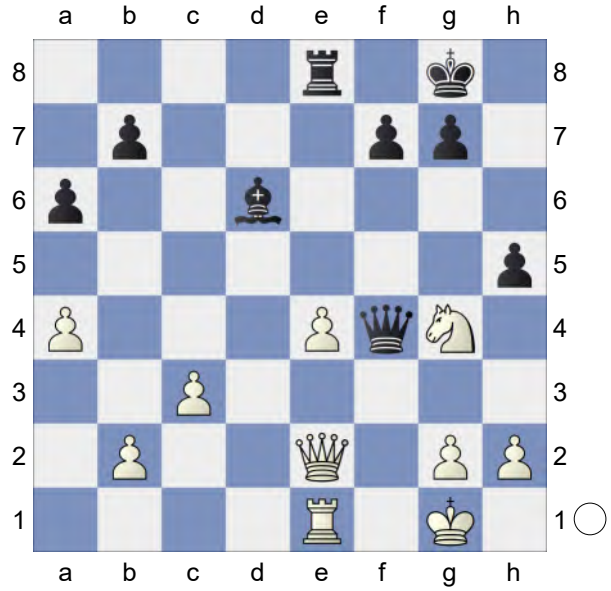
□ **Turcan,Richard** **2365**
■ **Petrek,Dominik** **2249**
SVK-ch U18/20 (8) 11.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0** White has compensation. **7...Nc6 8.Nb3 a6** White has an edge. **9.a4 Nf6 10.Qe2 Bd6 11.Rd1 e5** 11...Qc7 injects fresh life into this line. 11...Dc7 bringt frisches Leben in diese Variante. **12.Nbxd4 Nxd4 13.Rxd4 Qe7 14.Rh4**
[14.Rxd6 Qxd6 15.b3 e4 16.Ba3 Qf4 17.Bb5+ *(17.Rd1 Be6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Qc4 Kf7 20.Bc1 Rhd8 21.Re1 Qf5 22.Ng5+ Kg8 23.Qxe6+ Qxe6 24.Nxe6 Rd6 25.Nc5 b6 26.Bf4 Rd5 27.Ne6 Rc8 28.Nc7 Rf5 29.Bg3 Rc5 30.Nxa6 Rxc2 31.Be5 Ng4* 0-1 Sarakauskas,G (2343)-Vedrickas,T (2337) LTU-ch Vilnius 2024 (8) *)* 17...axb5 18.Qxb5+ Nd7 19.Qb4 Kd8 20.Qe7+ Kc7 21.Rd1 Ra6 22.Ne5 Qf6 23.Nxf7 Qxe7 24.Bxe7 Re6 25.Bd6+ Kc6 26.Nxh8 Rxd6 27.Rxd6+ Kxd6 28.Nf7+ Ke7 0-1 Idani,P (2563)-Kobalia,M (2628) 131/94 Moscow 2017]
14...Bf5 15.Bg5 0-0 16.Bd5N
[Vorgänger: 16.Re1 -0.47/21 16.Bc4-d3 -0.01 Rae8 0.21/21 *(16...h6∓ -0.47/21 17.Be3 Rad8)* 17.h3 -0.63/21 *(17.Bd3!= 0.21/21 e4 18.Bxe4 Bxe4 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Rxe4 Rxe4 21.Qxe4 Qxb2* #4 Tarrasch Exd5-7.O-O Nc6 8.Qe2*)* 17...e4∓ 18.Nd4 Bg6 19.c3 -1.36/19 *(19.Qe3∓ -0.60/20)* 19...h6∓ 20.Bf4 -1.71/21 *(20.Bd2∓* -1.12/20 keeps fighting.*)* 20...Bc5 -0.39/18 *(20...Bxf4-+ -1.71/21 21.Rxf4 Qc7)* 21.Bg3 -1.23/20 *(* White should try *21.Qd2∓ -0.39/18)* 21...Rd8∓ 22.Qe3 1-0 Sanal,V (2549)-Studer,N (2546) Wch Blitz Moscow 2019 (9)]
16...Rac8 0.18/21
[16...h6 -0.30/20 feels stronger. 17.Bxf6 Qxf6]



17.Be4!= Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Pin **18...h6 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.c3 Rfe8 21.Re1 Re7 22.Nxe5** Ne5-g4 would now be deadly.

22...Rce8! 23.Ng4 -0.44/27
[23.f4= -0.01/24]
23...Qf4!∓ 24.f3 -3.08/28 This move loses the game for White.
[24.Rxf4= -0.30/25 and White is okay. Rxe2 25.Rxe2 Rxe2 26.Kf1 Rxb2 27.Rd4]
24...Rxe4-+ 25.fxe4 White is weak on the dark squares **25...h5**



Deflection **26.Nf2 Qxh2+ 27.Kf1 Re6 28.Qe3?** -7.69/22
[28.Qc4 -3.02/26 Rf6 29.Qc8+ Kh7 30.Qh3]
28...Bg3 Black is clearly winning. **29.Re2 Rf6 30.Ke1 Qg1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/Black=0.06 (flawless) **0-1**

D05

□ **Maltsevskaya,Aleksandra** **2404**
■ **Zalega,Maciej** **2147**
Bydgoszcz op (4) 29.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D05: Colle System with ...e6 Wei Ming: 'I first came to know of 3...h6 against the Tarrasch while I was preparing a game for the National Championships in 2004. I was introduced to the variation by a friend of mine who showed me an article by Jeroen Bosch in his SOS column in NIC Magazine. 5 years have passed and nothing has risen to challenge the existence of this variation. I met Miklas Galyas while I was in Budapest in 2007 and he is easily one of the nicest players I've ever seen. However, he is not quite as nice over the board as we can see from the following game:' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 h6 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Ngf3 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Qe2 Nc6 8.c3 0-0 9.0-0 Qc7 10.b4N**
[10.Bc2 Bb6 11.h3 Nh5 12.Re1 Nf4 13.Qf1 Bd7 14.g3 Nh5 15.Kg2 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Ne7 17.Ned2 Bc6 18.Be4 Nd5 19.Kh2 f5 20.Bc2 Ne3 21.fxe3 Nxg3 22.Qg2 Bxe3 23.Qxg3 Bf4 24.Ne5 Bxg3+ 0-1 Kopinski,T (2314)-Gomez Silva,M (2458) City corr 1878 (7) 25.Kxg3 f4+ 26.Kf2 f3 27.Nf1 Qd8 28.Ng6 Rf6 29.Be3 Rxg6 30.Bxg6 Qh4+ 31.Ng3 Qxh3 32.Rg1 Qh2+ 33.Ke1 Qxb2 34.Rd1 f2+ 35.Bxf2 Bf3 36.Rb1 Qxc3+ 37.Kf1 Rd8 38.Re1 Qc4+ 39.Ne2 Rd1 0-1 Kislik,E (2314)-Galyas,M (2458) FSIM May Budapest HUN 2009 (7)]
10...Bd6 11.Bb2! dxe4 0.44/20
[11...Bd7= -0.08/19]
12.Nxe4± White is slightly better.
12...Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.h3 Bd7 16.Rfd1 -0.20/21
[16.Bxb7± 0.46/20 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Qxb7 18.Kxh2]
16...Ba4= 17.Re1 Bf6 18.c4 Bxb2 19.Qxb2 Bc6 20.Bc2 0.00/21
[20.Bxc6± 0.40/19 Qxc6 21.Rac1]
20...b6 21.Re3 Rad8 22.Rae1 And now Re3-g3 would win. **22...Rfe8 23.Qc3**

[23.Rg3 simplifies e5 24.f4 f6 25.fxe5 fxe5 26.Qc3]

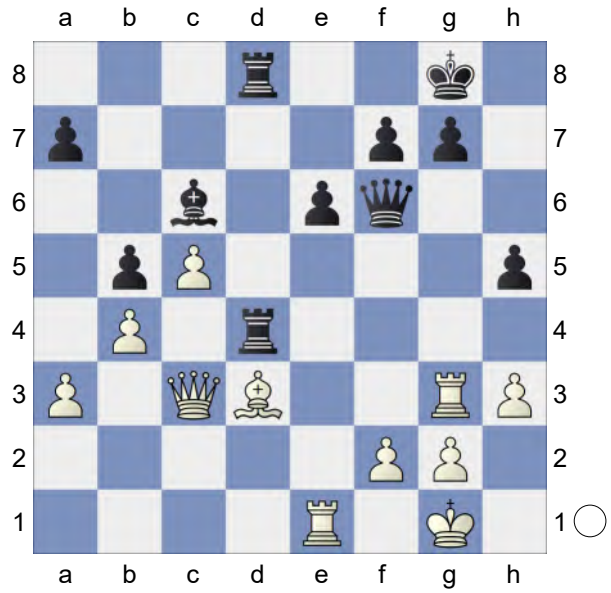
23...Qf4 24.Bb1 -0.22/21

[24.b5 0.18/20 deserves consideration. Ba8 25.Rd1]

24...Rd4 25.c5 b5 0.01/22

[25...bxc5∓ -0.49/19 26.Qxc5 Rc4 27.Qxa7 Rxb4]

26.a3 Red8 27.Bd3 Qf6 28.Rg3 h5



29.Be4! Bxe4 30.Rxe4 Pin **30...e5** 0.94/23

[30...Kf8= 0.08/23 keeps the balance. 31.Qe3 h4 *(31...Rxe4 32.Qxe4 Rd1+ 33.Kh2=)*]

31.Rge3 Rxe4 1.08/21

[31...R8d5± 0.60/22]

32.Rxe4± Endgame. KQR-KQR

32...Rd1+ 33.Re1 Rd4 1.86/23

[33...e4± 1.30/24 34.Qe3 Rxe1+ 35.Qxe1 Qc6]

34.c6 1.25/25

[34.Qg3+- 1.86/23]

34...Rc4± 35.Qxe5 Qxc6 36.Qe8+ 0.93/28

[⌓36.Qxh5 1.40/23 Rc1 37.Qe2]

36...Qxe8 37.Rxe8+ KR-KR **37...Kh7 38.Re5 a6 39.Rxh5+ Kg6 40.Re5 f6 41.Re3 Rc1+ 42.Kh2 Ra1** 1.34/25

[⌓42...Rc4 0.86/24]

43.Kg3 Kf5 44.h4 0.89/25

[⌓44.Rc3 1.39/25]

44...g5 1.41/31

[Better is 44...Rc1 0.89/25 45.Rd3 Ke6]

45.Rf3+ Kg6 46.hxg5! Kxg5 47.Rc3 Rd1 48.Kf3 Kf3-e4 would now be deadly. **48...f5 49.Ke3** Threatens to win with Rc3-c6. **49...Ra1** 2.47/27

[49...Rd6± 1.19/27 50.Ke2 Re6+ 51.Re3 Rc6]

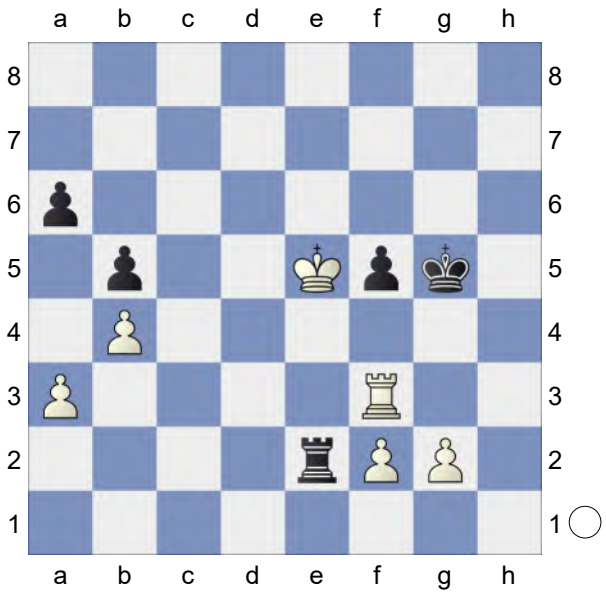
50.Kd4+- Ra2 51.Rg3+! Kf6 52.Rf3 0.01/27

[52.f4+- 2.70/27]

52...Rc2= 53.Kd5 1.24/28

[53.g4= 0.01/27 Rc4+ 54.Kd5 Rxg4 55.Kc5]

53...Kg5± 54.Ke5 Re2+



55.Re3! Rxf2 56.Rg3+ Kh5 57.Rg8 Kh6

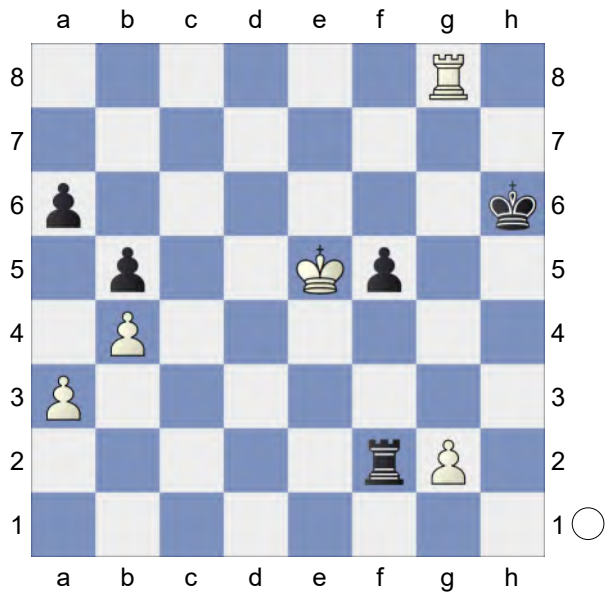
(Diagram)

58.Kf6! Kh5? 2.71/29

[58...Kh7± 0.82/30 59.Rg7+ Kh6]

59.Rg5++- Kh4 60.g3+

[60.Rxf5 Rxg2 61.Rf3 Kg4=]



60...Kh3 61.Rxf5 Re2
[61...Rxf5+ 62.Kxf5 Kh2 63.g4 Kh1 64.g5 Kg1 65.g6 Kf2 66.Ke4 *(66.g7 Ke3 67.g8Q Kd4 68.Qb3 a5 69.Qc2 axb4 70.axb4 Ke3)*]
62.Rf3 Inhibits Re2-e3. **62...Kg4 63.Rd3 Re4?** 4.38/27
[63...Re8 2.34/27 64.Rc3 Re4]
64.Rd6 a5 5.33/28
[⌓64...Kxg3 3.38/25 65.Kf5 *(65.Rxa6 Re3+-)* 65...Kf3]
65.bxa5 Ra4 66.Rd3 Rxa5 67.Ke6 Ra8 68.Kd7 Ra6 69.Kc7? 0.80/30
[69.Rb3+- 2.93/30 is the precise move to win.]
69...Kf5± 70.Kb7 Rg6 71.Rd5+ 0.01/32
[71.Rb3± 0.80/28 Ke6 72.Kc6 *(72.Rxb5 Rxg3 73.a4 Kd6=)*]
71...Ke4 The position is equal. **72.Rxb5** a3-a4 is the strong threat. **72...Rxg3 73.a4 Kd4 74.a5 Kc4 75.Rb6 Rg7+ 76.Ka8 Kc5 77.Rb7 Rg5 78.a6 Kc6 79.Ka7 Rg1 80.Rb6+ Kc7 81.Rb4 Rc1 82.Rb7+ Kc8 83.Rf7 Rc7+** Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
½-½

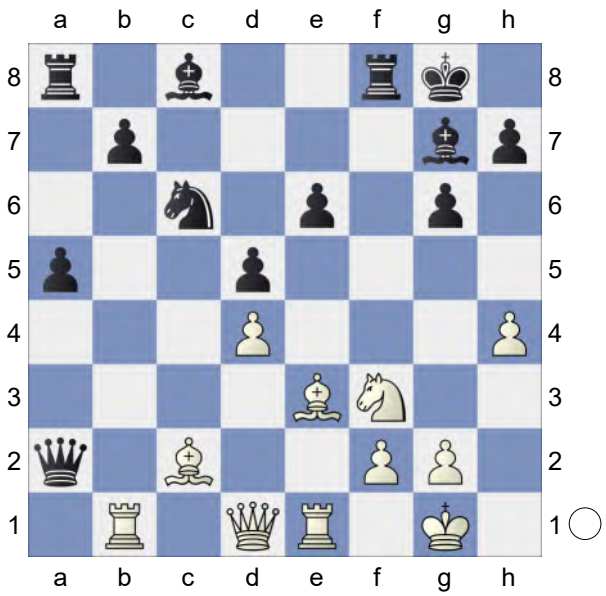
C06
□ **Perez Berenguer,Valentin** **2608**
■ **Fuchs,Patrick1** **2544**
BEL corr Belgium 2002
[Kitty Kat]

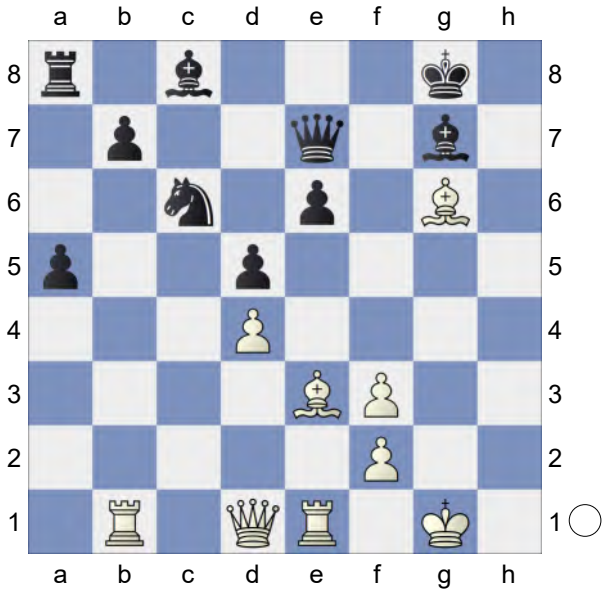
C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3 c5 6.Ngf3 Nc6 7.Bd3 g6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Re1 0-0 10.Nf1 cxd4** 0.62/21
[10...Qb6= 0.25/22]
11.cxd4± Qb6 Inhibits Bd3-b5. **12.Bc2** White is slightly better. **12...f6 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Bb3N**
[14.Ba4 Ne4 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Ng3 Nxf2 17.Kxf2 Bxd4+ 18.Be3 Bxe3+ 19.Rxe3 e5 20.Qb3 e4 21.Nxe4 Qxb3 22.axb3 dxe4 23.Rxe4 Bf5 24.Re7 Bg4 25.Raxa7 Rxa7 26.Rxa7 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Rb8 28.Rc7 Rxb3 ½-½ Tarasov,Y (2461)-6.f4 ♕c7 7. ♕f3 (2586) Deutschland 98/323 2006 (10)]
14...Ng4 0.85/22
[14...a5= 0.30/20]
15.h3± Nh6 16.Ng3 a5 17.Be3 Nf5 18.Nxf5 Rxf5 1.34/20
[⌓18...gxf5 0.90/22 19.g3 Bd7]
19.Bc2 Rf8 1.63/22
[19...Rf6± 1.14/21]
20.h4+- Qxb2 1.90/22
[20...Bd7± 1.46/20 21.h5 gxh5]
21.Rb1 Qxa2

(Diagram)

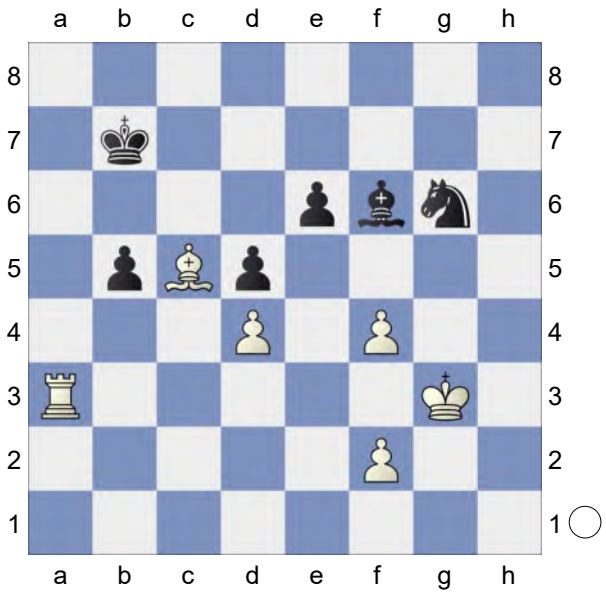
22.h5! Rxf3 23.gxf3 Qa3 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Bxg6 Qe7 2.71/21
[25...Qf8± 1.54/21]

(Diagram)





26.f4! **Qh4** **27.Kg2** And now Re1-h1 would win. **27...Ne7** 3.19/22
[⌓27...Kf8 1.81/21 28.Rh1 Qf6]
28.Rh1 **Qf6** **29.Bc2** 1.64/20
[⌓29.Bh7+ 3.03/21 Kf8 30.Qa4]
29...a4 **30.Qh5**
[Weaker is 30.Bxa4 Qg6+ 31.Kh2 *(31.Kf1 Rxa4 32.Rb6 Ra2-+)* 31...Qh7+ 32.Kg1 Qg6+ 33.Kh2 *(33.Kf1? Rxa4 34.Rg1 Qe4-+)* 33...Qh6+ 34.Kg1 Qg6+ 35.Kh2= *(35.Kf1? Rxa4 36.Rh3 Rc4-+)*]
30...Kf8 Dodges Qh5-e8+ **31.Rb4** **a3** **32.Ra1** 1.47/25
[32.Ra4+- 1.85/26 Rxa4 33.Bxa4]
32...Qf7± **33.Qxf7+** **Kxf7** **34.Ra4** White is more active. **34...Rxa4** **35.Bxa4** **Nf5** **36.Rxa3** **Ke7** **37.Rd3** **Bd7** **38.Bc2** **Nh4+** **39.Kg3** **Nf5+** **40.Kf3** **Nh4+** **41.Kg4** **Bf6** 2.40/25
[41...Nf5 1.86/28 was necessary. 42.Kf3 Nh4+ 43.Kg3 Nf5+ 44.Kg2 Kd8]
42.Rb3+- **b5** **43.Kg3** **Kd6** **44.Bd2** **Kc6** **45.Bb4** Rb3-a3 is the strong threat.
45...Be8 3.98/27
[⌓45...Nf5+ 2.80/28 46.Bxf5 exf5]
46.Ra3 **Kb7** Prevents Ra3-a6. **47.Bc5** **Bg6?** 8.45/29
[47...Nf5+ 3.72/26 48.Bxf5 exf5 49.Ra7+ Kb8]
48.Bxg6 **Nxg6**

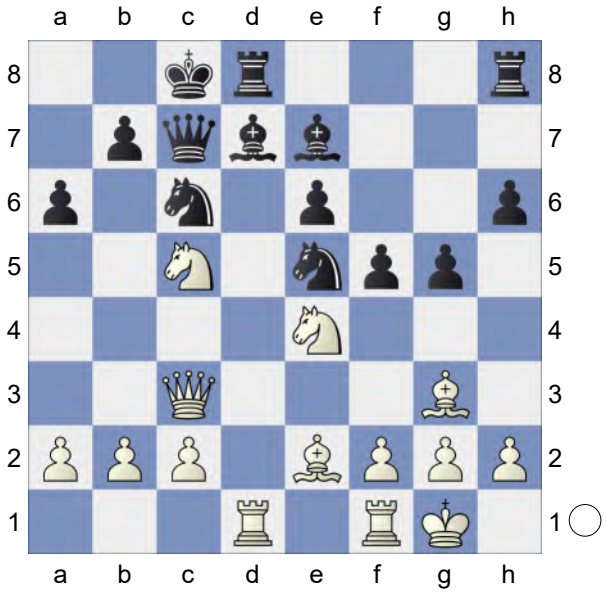


49.f5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)
1-0

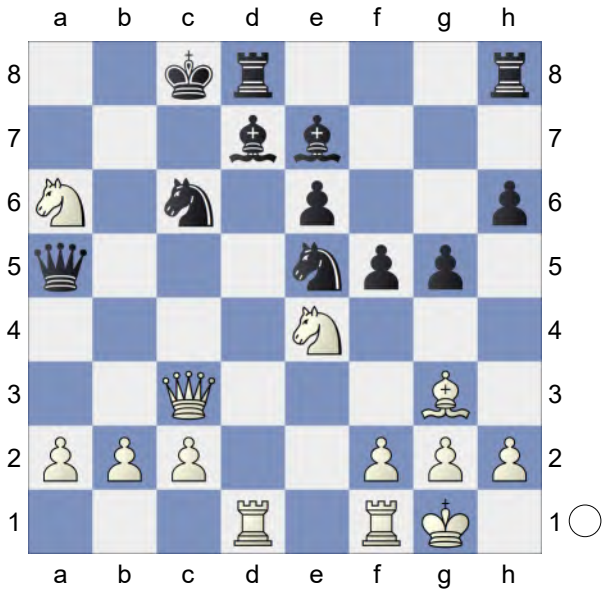
	C07
□ **Hug,Alfred**	**2655**
■ **Bancroft,H.**	**2650**
31/28 Roma	1995

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd8 7.0-0 a6 8.Nb3 Qc7 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qh4 Bd6** Dodges Bc1-f4 **11.Bd2** White is slightly better. **11...Nge7 12.Bd3 Bd7 13.Rad1**
[13.Bxh7? Ng6 14.Qh5 Nf8-+]
13...0-0-0 14.Ng5
[14.Bxh7? Ng6 15.Qe4 Rxh7-+]
14...Ng6! 15.Qh3 Nge5 16.Be2↑ aiming for f2-f4! White is more active.
16...Be7 0.92/19
[16...h6⩲ 0.55/20 17.Ne4 Be7]
17.Bf4± Rhf8 18.Ne4
[18.Qxh7? Rh8 19.Nxe6 *(19.Qxg7? Rdg8-+* Skewer *)* 19...Rxh7-+ *(19...Bxe6? 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Qxg7-+; 19...fxe6 20.Qe4∓)*]
18...h6 19.Nec5 Rh8N 2.11/21
[19...g5± 0.96/18 was necessary. 20.Bg3 Qb6 *(20...f5 21.Rxd7 Rxd7 22.Nxe6 Qb6 23.Nxf8 Bxf8 24.Qxf5 Bd6 25.Rd1 Kc7 26.c4* 1-0 Belov,A (2295)-Nikitin,A (2418) RUS-Cup03 Geller Memorial 1999 (5) *)*]
20.Qc3+- Bf6 2.42/21
[⌓20...g5 1.91/21]
21.Ne4 Be7 Against Ne4-d6+ **22.Nbc5** 1.46/20
[22.Bg3+- 1.89/21]
22...g5 2.59/21
[22...f5± 1.46/20]
23.Bg3? -0.01/20
[White has to play 23.Bxa6!+- 2.59/21 Bxc5 *(23...bxa6? 24.Nxa6 gxf4 25.Nxc7+-)* 24.Bxb7+ *(24.Nxc5 bxa6 25.Bg3 f6⩲)* 24...Kxb7 25.Nxc5+ Kc8 26.Bg3 *(26.Na6 Nf3+ 27.gxf3 Qxf4=)*]
23...f5=

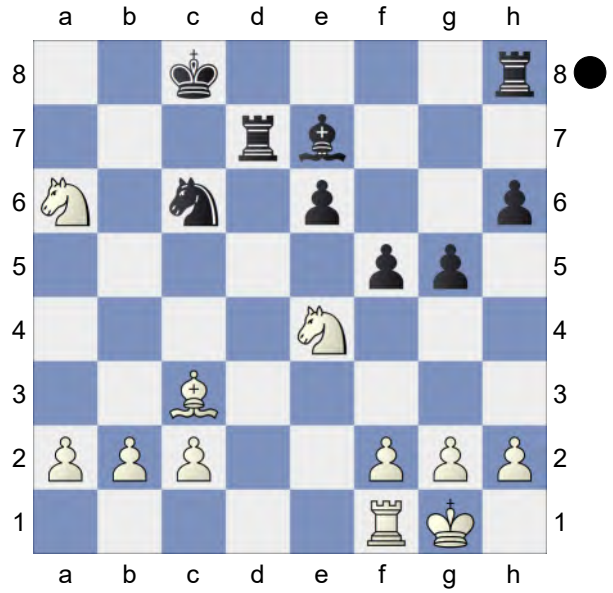


Dancing on a razor blade. **24.Bxa6** -0.66/23 **bxa6∓**
[24...fxe4? 25.Bxb7++-]
25.Nxa6 Qa5

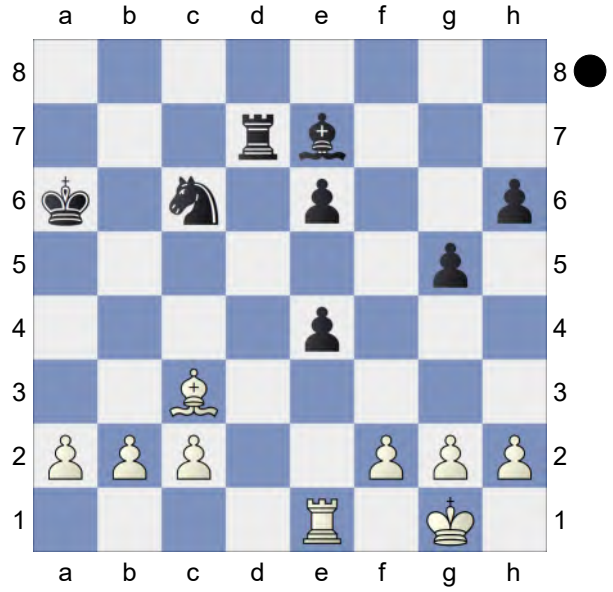


26.Rxd7? -1.51/24 **Rxd7∓**
[26...Kxd7?! 27.Nec5+ Bxc5 28.Nxc5+ Kc8 29.Qxa5= *(29.Bxe5 Qxc3 30.Bxc3 e5-+; 29.Bxe5 Qxc3 30.Bxc3 e5=)*]

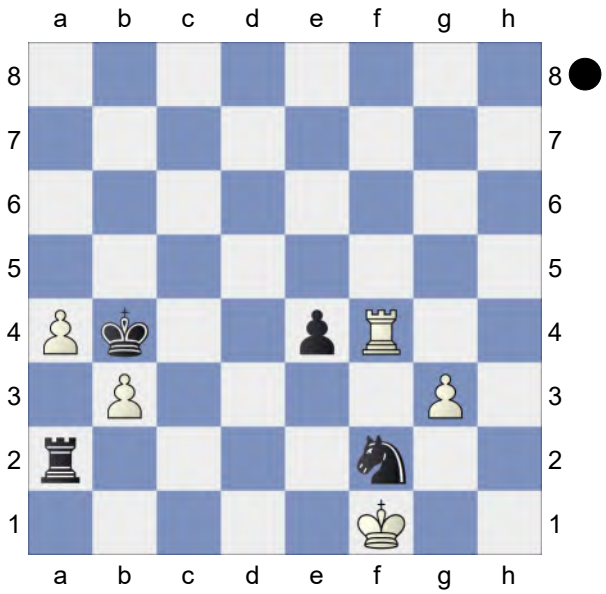
27.Bxe5 Qxc3 -1.35/23
[27...Qxa6-+ -1.71/23 28.Bxh8 fxe4]
28.Bxc3



fxe4 -0.74/23 **29.Bxh8 Kb7 30.Re1 Kxa6 31.Bc3** -1.33/22
[White should try 31.Kf1∓ -0.58/21]



31...Bb4! 32.Bxb4 Nxb4 Endgame. KRN-KR **33.g3** -2.21/25
[33.f4∓ -1.13/23 might work better.]
33...Nxc2 34.Rxe4 Nd4 35.Kg2 h5 36.h3 Kb5 37.Re5+ Rd5 38.Re3 e5 39.Rc3 g4 ...Nd4-f3 is the strong threat.
40.hxg4 hxg4 41.Rc8 Nf3 42.Rg8 Rd4 43.b3 Kb4 And now ...Kb4-a3 would win. **44.a4 Re4**
[44...Kxb3 45.a5-+]
45.Rg7 Ne1+
[45...Kxb3 46.a5-+]
46.Kf1 Nd3 47.Rg6 Re1+ 48.Kg2 Re2 Black is clearly winning.
[48...Kxb3? 49.Rxg4 e4 50.a5-+]
49.Rxg4+ e4 50.Kg1 Nxf2 51.Kf1 Ra2
[And not 51...Nxg4 52.Kxe2 Kc5 *(52...Kxb3 53.a5=; 52...Nf6 53.Ke3=)* 53.a5=]
[51...Kxb3 52.Rf4 Ra2 53.Rxf2 Rxa4 *(53...Rxf2+ 54.Kxf2 Kxa4 55.g4 Kb4 56.g5 Kc4 57.g6 Kd3 58.g7 e3+ 59.Ke1)* 54.Rd2=]
52.Rf4



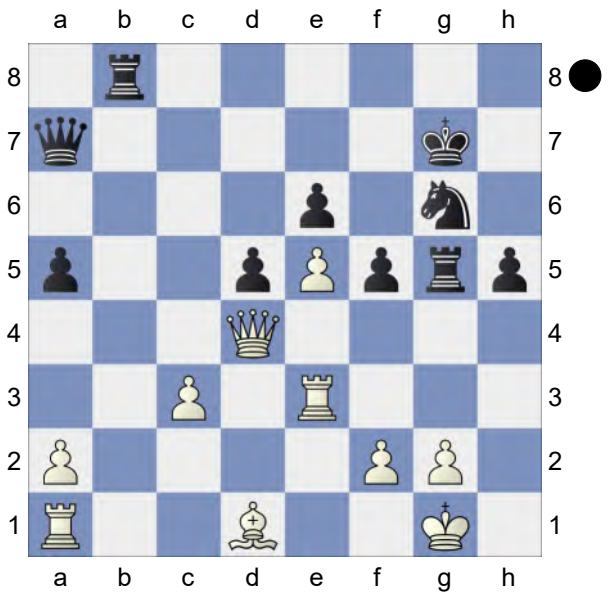
Kc3! 53.a5
[53.Rxf2 Rxf2+]
53...e3 Hoping for ...Kc3-d3! **54.b4 Nd3** (→ ...e3-e2+) **55.Re4 Kd2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/Black=0.32
[Less strong is 55...Nxb4 56.Rxe3+ Kd4 57.Re2-+]
0-1

C07
□ **Kalyani,Sirin** **2221**
■ **Kunal,M.** **2245**
Tamil Nadu IM 24th (6) 17.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

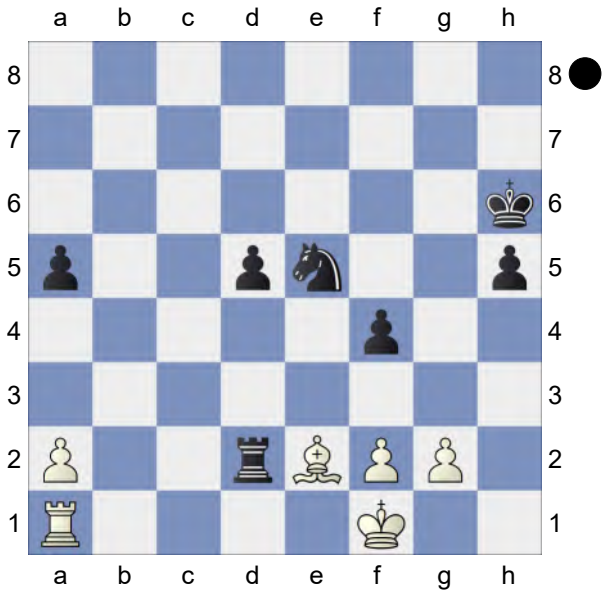
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Qc7 9.Qe2 Bd6 10.Nf3 Ne7**
[10...dxe4 11.Qxe4 Nf6 12.Qh4 h6 13.0-0 c5 14.Nd2 Nd5 15.Nc4 Bf4 16.g3 Bxc1 17.Raxc1 Bc6 18.Rfe1 0-0 19.Qe4 Nf6 20.Qe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Bb7 22.Bf1 Rfd8 23.Rcd1 Rab8 24.b3 Be4 25.Bg2 ½-½ Ragger,M (2684)-Andreikin,D (2741) 22nd ETCC Open 2019 (2.29)]
11.e5 White is slightly better. **11...Bc5 12.0-0 h6 13.c3N**
[13.h4 Nf5 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.Be3 Be7 16.c4 Be6 17.Nd4 0-0 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Rac1 Qd7 20.h5 Rfc8 21.Qa6 Rcb8 22.Rc2 Rb4 23.Rfc1 Ra4 24.Qd3 Rc4 25.b3 Rxc2 26.Qxc2 Ba3 27.Qc6 Rd8 ½-½ Zlatkov,A (2149)-Dinev,D (2220) FRM-chT2 Gp-B 2022 (2.2)]
[13.h3 Bb6 14.c4 a5 15.b3 Qa7 16.Ba3 a4 17.Nh4 Bd4 18.Rab1 c5 19.Qg4 Bxe5 20.Rfe1 Bd4 21.cxd5 exd5 22.Qh5 Be6 23.Rxe6 1-0 Manon Og,R (1970)-Ivanov,A (2068) Titled Tuesday intern op 12th Mar Early blitz 2024 (4)]
13...a5 14.Nd4 -0.01/20
[14.Bf4± 0.39/19 deserves consideration.]
14...Ba7 0.42/20
[14...0-0= -0.01/20]
15.Re1 c5
[15...0-0 is interesting. 16.Qg4 f5 17.Qg3 Kh7]
16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.Bxb5+ Kf8 0.98/19
[17...Nc6± 0.57/21]
18.Bd3 0.16/19
[18.c4± 0.98/19]
18...c4= 19.Bc2 Kg8 20.h4 Rf8 21.Be3 f5 1.09/20
[21...Bxe3± 0.34/20 22.Qxe3 h5]
22.Bxa7 -0.18/20
[22.exf6± 1.09/20 Rxf6 23.Bxa7 Qxa7 24.b3]
22...Qxa7 23.h5 g5 24.hxg6 h5 0.51/20
[Black should play 24...Nxg6= -0.23/20 25.b3 Rc8]
25.b3± Rc8 26.bxc4 Rxc4 27.Bb3 -0.22/21
[27.Qd2!± 0.37/21]
27...Rg4 Black has compensation.
28.Qb5 -0.71/22
[28.c4 Nxg6 29.cxd5 Nf4-+]
[28.Bd1= 0.01/21 remains equal.]
28...Kg7 -0.30/21 Chess con chili.
[Black should try 28...Nxg6∓ -0.71/22 29.Bd1 *(29.Qe8+? Kh7-+)* 29...Rg5 *(29...Rf4 30.Qe2∓)*]
29.Bd1= Rb8↑ 0.01/23 Black is pushing.
[Reject 29...Rxg6 30.Rb1=]
[29...Rf4∓ -0.48/21 should be considered. 30.Bf3 Rc4 *(30...Kxg6 31.Qb2=; 30...Nxg6 31.Rab1=; 30...Rb8 31.Qe2=)*]
30.Qd3 Rg5 31.Re3 -0.89/21
[31.Qd2!= 0.18/21 Kxg6 32.c4]
31...Nxg6 32.Qd4 -2.04/22
[Better is 32.Qd2!∓ -0.55/22]

(Diagram)

32...Qxd4!-+ 33.cxd4 Rb4 34.Rc3 -2.77/22
[34.Ra3 -1.71/22 was called for.]



34...Rxd4 35.Rc7+ Kh6 ...h5-h4! is the strong threat. **36.Rc6 f4** -1.70/24
[Worse is 36...Nxe5 37.Rxe6+ Ng6 38.Ra6=]
[⩲36...Nf4 -3.29/24 37.Bf3 Rg6]
37.Rxe6 Rxe5 38.Rxe5 Nxe5 Endgame. KRB-KRN **39.Kf1** -2.00/24
[39.Rb1∓ -1.58/24]
39...Rd2 40.Be2 -2.04/25
[40.Ke1∓ -1.34/26 Rd4 41.Ke2]



40...f3 -1.06/24 **41.Bxf3∓ Nxf3 42.gxf3** KR-KR **42...h4** Black is much more active. **43.Kg2 Rd4** -0.66/25
[43...a4∓ -1.18/25 44.Rb1 Kg6 *(44...Rxa2 45.Rd1∓)*]
44.Rc1 a4 45.Rc5 -1.12/27
[45.Rc8∓ -0.70/25]
45...Kg5 46.Kh3? -2.59/25
[46.Rc6∓ -1.08/26]
46...Kf5 -1.19/24
[46...Kf4-+ -2.59/25 47.Rc3 Rd2]
47.f4 -4.83/25 **Kxf4-+ 48.Kxh4 Rd3 49.Ra5?** -5.06/26
[49.Rc7 -2.82/26 d4 50.Rf7+ Ke4 51.f4]
49...a3 50.Kh5? -5.45/26
[50.Ra7 -2.72/25]
50...d4 51.Kg6 Rf3 Strongly threatening ...d4-d3! **52.Ra8 Ke4 53.Kg5 Rxf2 54.Rxa3 d3 55.Ra8 d2** (→ ...Rf2-f5+) **56.Rd8 Rf5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/Black=0.35
0-1

C07

□ **Gurbanov,Ismayil** **2159**
■ **Sevdimaliyev,Urfan** **2334**
Malatya Golden Apricot op 7th (4)
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 Kaidanov,G: 'Inf 64/(268)'
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.Bb5
[7.N2f3 Nc6 8.Bf4 Be7 *(8...Qb6 9.Rb1 Be7 10.c3 Nc5 11.h4 f6 12.Bd3 Bd7 13.Bc2 Ne4 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Nb5 Qa5 16.a4 a6 17.b4 Nxb4 18.Bxe4 axb5 19.cxb4 Bxb4+ 20.Nd2 dxe4 21.exf6 0-0 22.0-0 Bxd2 23.Bxd2* 1-0 Lagarde,M (2615)-Hristodoulou,P (2407) Arad op 17th 2024 (9) *)* 9.Bb5 Qb6 10.c3 Nc5 11.Rb1 0-0 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Be2

Rac8 14.Re1 a6 15.Bf1 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bb5 17.Nxb5 axb5 18.Be3 Qc6 19.Qg4 Ne4 20.Bh6 g6 21.Bxf8 Bxf8 1-0 2.d3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 (2585)-Krueger,A (2667) 4647 Hastings 1946 (3.3)]

7...a6N

[7...Qc7 8.Qh5 g6 9.Qe2 Nc6 10.N2f3 Bg7 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bd3 Rb8 14.b3 Rb4 15.Bg3 Ba6 Tkachiev,V (2575)-Kaidanov,G (2605) New York_161331 1995]

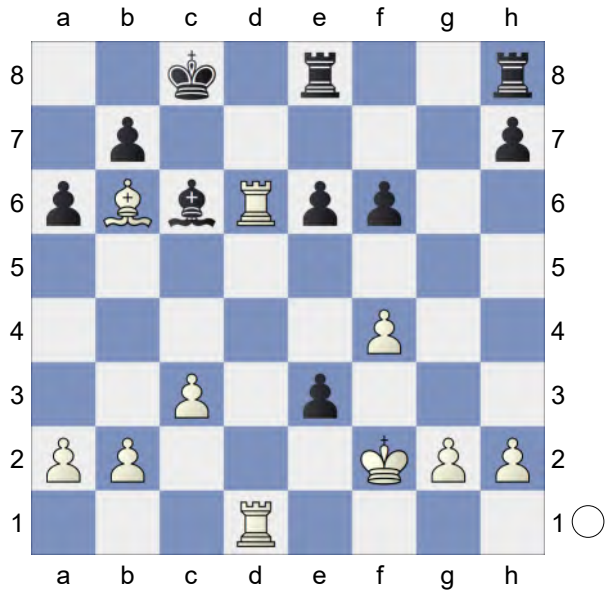
8.Bxd7+ Nxd7 9.Qe2 The position is equal. **9...Bc5 10.N2b3 Bxd4 11.Nxd4 Qh4** Wards off Qe2-g4 **12.c3** 0.10/20

[12.Qe3± 0.55/20 was preferrable.]

12...Qe4= 13.f4 Nc5 14.0-0 Qxe2 15.Nxe2 f6 16.exf6 gxf6 17.Be3 Ne4 18.Rad1 Nd6 0.44/21 Black is weak on the dark squares

[Better is 18...Bd7= -0.12/21]

19.Ng3± Bd7 20.Bc5 Ne4 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Rd6 Strongly threatening Rf1-d1. **22...0-0-0 23.Bb6** White has more active pieces. **23...Rde8 24.Rfd1 Bc6 25.Kf2 e3+**



Deflection **26.Kxe3** 0.95/22

[White should try 26.Bxe3 1.34/21 h5 27.g3]

26...Bxg2± 27.c4 Kb8 28.a4 Bh3 29.b4 e5 30.Rxf6 exf4+ 31.Kxf4 Rhg8 32.Rg1

[32.Rd4 is interesting. Re2 33.Kf3 Rxh2 34.Rdf4]

32...Rxg1 33.Bxg1= Endgame. KRB-KRB **33...Bf1 34.c5 Bd3 35.Rb6 Kc7 36.h4 Bc2 37.a5 Re4+ 38.Kg5 Rc4 39.Bh2+ Kc8 40.Rf6 Be4 41.Rf8+** 0.15/5

[41.Rf7± 0.73/24]

41...Kd7 42.Rf7+ Ke6 43.Rf6+ Kd7 44.Bd6 Kc8 1.30/24

[44...Kc6± 0.31/22]

45.Kh6 0.36/23

[45.Rf7± 1.30/24]

45...Bg6± 46.h5

[But not 46.Rf8+ Kd7±]

46...Rh4! 47.Rxg6

[Don't take 47.Rf8+ Kd7±]

47...hxg6 48.Kxg6 Rxb4= 1.24/28 KR-KB

[48...Kd7!= 0.01/29 remains equal.]

49.h6± This costs Black the game. **49...Rh4** 10.61/23

[⌓49...Rg4+ 5.14/26 50.Kh5 Rg1]

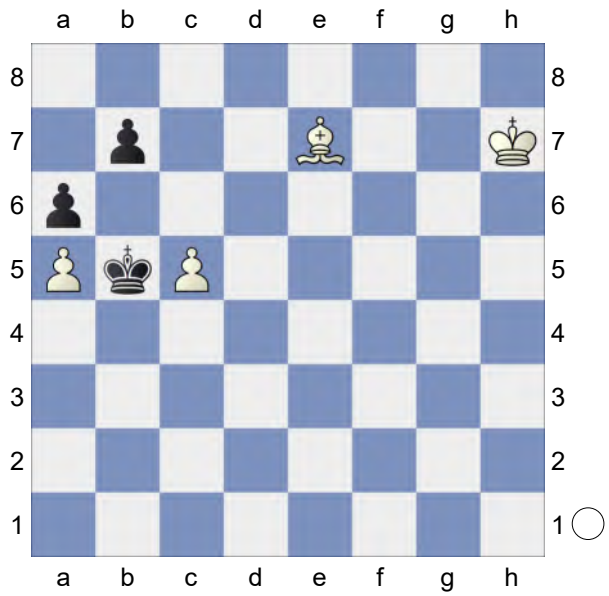
50.h7+- Kd7 51.Bf8 Rxh7 52.Kxh7 Kh7-g7 would kill now. KB-KPP **52...Kc6 53.Be7 Kb5**

(Diagram)

54.Bd8! White wants to mate with Bd8-b6. **54...Kxc5 55.Bb6+ Kc6 56.Kg6 Kd7 57.Kf7 Kc8 58.Ke8?** 2.79/5

[58.Ke6 #9/20 mates Kb8 59.Kd7 Ka8 60.Kd8 Kb8 61.Bc7+ Ka8 62.Kc8 Ka7 63.Bb8+ Ka8 64.Kc7 b5 65.axb6 a5 66.b7#]

58...Kb8 59.Kd7 White threatens Bb6-c7+ and mate. **59...Ka8 60.Kd8**

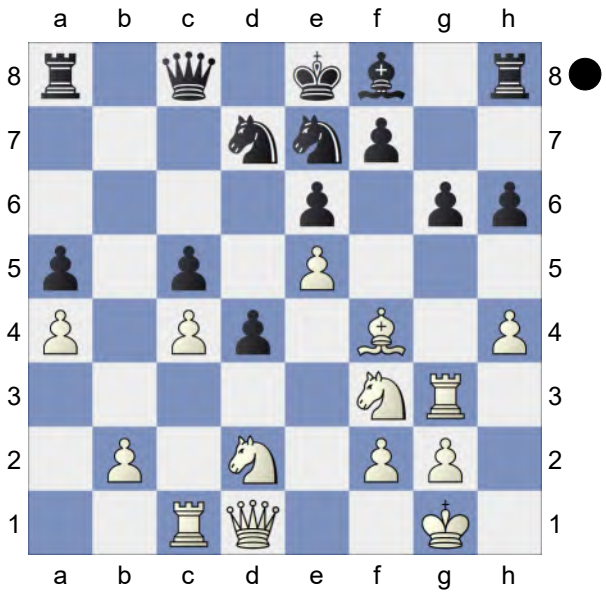


Intending Kd8-d7 and mate. **60...Kb8 61.Bc7+** White mates. **61...Ka7 62.Kc8 Ka8 63.Bb8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.32
1-0

C04

□ **Hammari,Vinjar** **2120**
■ **Papp,Levente** **2365**
Budapest FS09 IM (7) 12.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

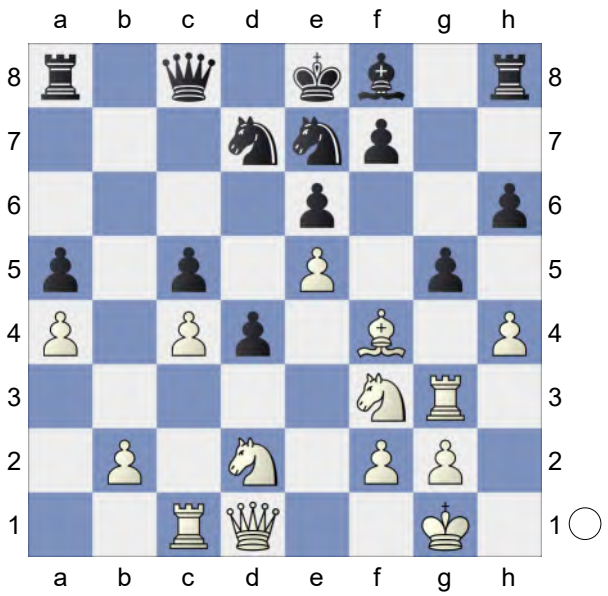
C04: French Tarrasch: 3...Nc6 Drasko, Milan: 'Drasko,M: 'Inf 41/309'' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.Nb3 a5 7.a4 Be7 8.c3 b6** 1.07/20
[8...f6± 0.54/22]
9.h4± Bb7
[9...f6 10.Bb5 Bb7 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Qe2 Qe7 13.Bf4 0-0-0 14.Bg3 Rhe8 15.0-0 Qf7 16.Rfe1 h6 17.Rac1 Qh5 18.c4 dxc4 19.Rxc4 Qd5 20.Rec1 Ndb8 21.Qc2 Kd7 22.Nc5+ bxc5 23.Rxc5 1-0 Korneev, O-Santos Ruiz,M Roquetas de Marl 2015]
10.Bf4 White is better. **10...Qc8 11.Rh3N** 0.60/20
[White should play 11.h5± 1.03/18]
[11.Bb5 Nd8 12.Bg5 Bf8 13.h5 h6 14.Bh4 c6 15.Be2 Ba6 16.0-0 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Qa6 18.Qd1 c5 19.Bxd8 Rxd8 20.Ne1 Be7 21.f4 f5 22.Nc2 Rg8 23.Ne3 Nf8 24.Kh2 g5 25.hxg6 h5 ½-½ Spassky,B-Drasko,M 41/309 Sarajevo 1986 26.Nc1]
11...Ba6 1.03/20
[11...f6!± 0.60/20]
12.Rg3 Bf8 13.Ng5 0.48/21
[13.h5± 0.99/19]
13...Bxf1± 14.Kxf1 h6 15.Nf3 g6 16.Kg1 Ne7 17.Rc1 c5 18.dxc5 -0.05/20
[18.Nbd2± 0.44/18 was preferrable.]
18...bxc5= 19.c4 d4 20.Nbd2



g5 0.39/21

(Diagram)

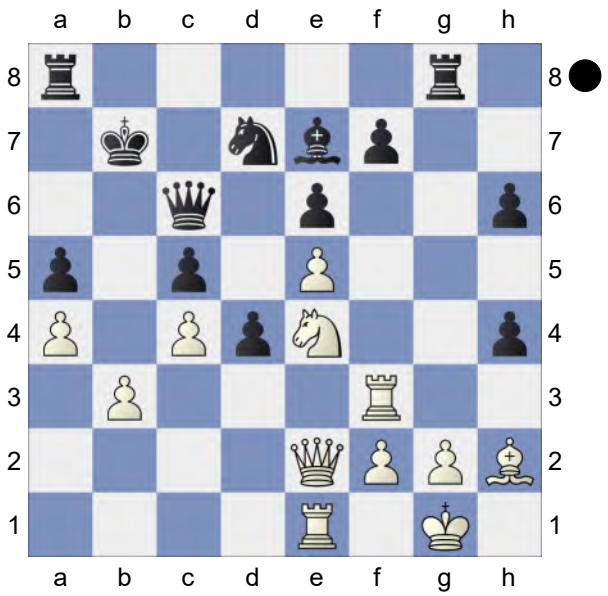
21.Ne4! -0.01/22 **Ng6** White must now prevent ...Qc8-b7. **22.Bd2**
[22.hxg5? Nxf4 23.Qd2 Ng6 24.Nf6+ Kd8-+]
22...Nxh4 0.41/22



[22...gxh4= -0.01/22 23.Rxg6 fxg6]
23.Nxh4± gxh4 24.Rh3 -0.01/22
[24.Rb3± 0.37/23]
24...Qc6!= 25.Qe2 Be7 26.Bf4 Kd8 27.b3 -0.91/16
[27.Rb3= 0.07/21 keeps the balance.]
27...Kc7∓ 28.Rf3 -1.58/22
[Better is 28.f3 -0.74/20]
28...Kb7 -1.04/20
[⌓28...Kb6 -1.58/22 29.Bh2 Rh7]
29.Re1 -1.57/22
[⌓29.Rh3 -1.04/20]
29...Rhg8 30.Bh2 -2.59/22
[30.Bxh6 Nxe5 31.Rh3 f5]
[30.Kf1∓ -1.31/20 Rg6 31.g3]

(Diagram)

30...Rg7!-+ 31.Qd2 -3.71/23
[⌓31.Bf4 -2.31/21 Rag8 32.g3]
31...Rag8 32.Kh1 Rg4
[32...Rxg2 33.Rxf7 R2g7 34.Rxg7 Rxg7 35.Qxh6±]
33.Qd3 R8g7
[Worse is 33...Rxg2 34.Rxf7 R2g7 35.Qf3∓]



34.Nf6 -5.10/25
[⌓34.Nd2 -3.22/20]
34...Bxf6 Black is clearly winning.
35.exf6 R7g6 36.Rg1 h3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

C07

□ **Rodriguez Rivero,Jinela de Cari**
■ **Zhukova,Natalia** **2302**
Speed Chess (Women) Play In 2 blitz (7)
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.dxc5 Qxc5 6.Ngf3 Nf6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0** White has an edge. **8...0-0 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.c4 Qc7**
[10...b6 11.Ne4 Qc7 12.Nxf6+ Nxf6 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.b3 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Bb2 Rfd8 17.Rad1 Qc6 18.Qg4 Bf8 19.Rfe1 Rd7 20.Be4 Rxd1 21.Qxd1 Qc8 22.h4 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Qe8 24.h5 Rd8 25.Rd4 1-0 Dauvergne,D (2663)-Shabani (2616) 8/595 Belgrad 1969 (2.3)]

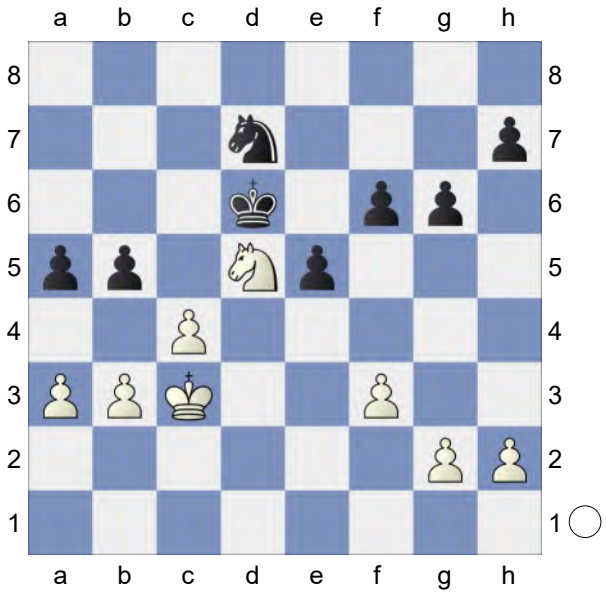
11.b3 b6 12.Bb2 Bb7 13.Ne4N
[13.Rad1 Rad8 14.Ne4 Bxe4 15.Bxe4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 Bf6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.Qe5 Qe7 19.Qe2 h6 20.Ne5 Qc7 21.g3 Nd7 22.Nxd7 Rxd7 23.Rxd7 Qxd7 24.Rd1 Qe7 25.Qd3 g6 26.Qd7 Qa3 27.Qd2 h5 1-0 Vela Frago,A (2331)-Coles,R (2148) Barcelona Sants op 25th 2024 (3)]
13...Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Bf6 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.Rad1 Rfd8 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.Ne5 Qe4 0.59/22
[18...h6= 0.18/22]
19.Qxe4± Nxe4 20.Nc6! Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Endgame. KRN-KRN **21...Kf8 22.Rd7 a5 23.f3 Nc5 24.Rd2** 0.07/24 White is more active.
[24.Rc7± 0.86/24]
24...Rc8= 25.Ne5 -0.32/23
[25.Na7= 0.15/22 feels stronger. Rc7 26.Nb5]
25...Ke7 26.Kf2 f6 27.Ng4 -0.65/21
[27.Nd3= -0.23/25]
27...Rd8 0.14/23
[27...a4∓ -0.65/21 28.b4 Nd7]
28.Rxd8 Kxd8 KN-KN **29.Ke3 Kd7 30.Kd4 Kd6 31.Ne3 e5+ 32.Kc3 g6** 0.50/26 Inhibits Ne3-f5+.
[32...Ne6= 0.05/23 was preferrable.]
33.Nd5± Nd7 34.a3 b5 1.28/27

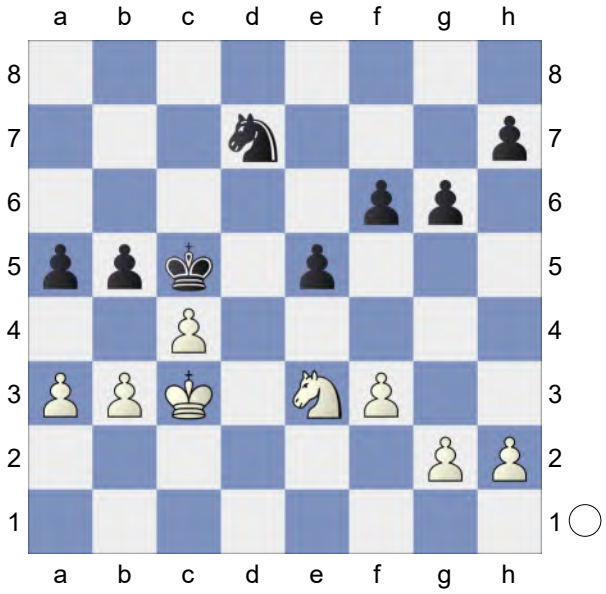
(Diagram)

35.Ne3!± Kc5

(Diagram)

36.b4+ 0.65/23
[36.cxb5!± 1.05/27 And now a3-a4 would win. Kxb5 37.a4+ Kb6 *(37...Kc5? 38.Nc4+-)* 38.g4]
36...axb4+± 37.axb4+ Kc6 38.cxb5+!





Kxb5 39.Nd5 f5 40.Nc7+ -0.01/29
[40.Kb3± 0.56/23]
40...Kc6= 41.Ne6 Kd5 42.Nc7+ Kc6 43.Ne6 Kd6 44.Ng5 Kd5 1.46/27
[44...h5!= 0.01/26]
45.Nxh7± e4 46.Ng5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.22 (precise)
1-0

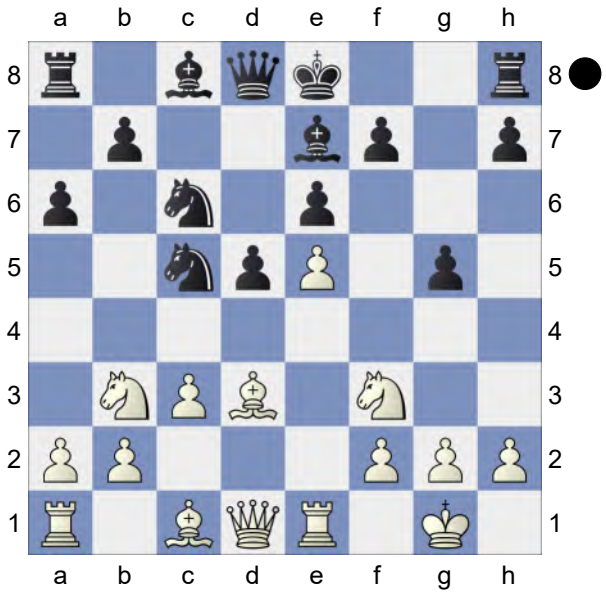
C06

□ **Berke,Ana** **2093**
■ **Peng,Zhaoqin** **2349**
Olympiad Women-45 (5.13) 15.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.c3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 a6** 0.69/19
[8...a5= 0.29/19]
[8...g5 9.dxc5 g4 10.Nd4 Ndxe5 11.Bb5 Bd7 12.N2b3 Rg8 13.Re1 Nc4 14.Bf4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Rc8 16.b3 Na3 17.Bd3 Rxc5 18.Bxh7 Rg7 19.Bd3 Rxc3 20.Be5 Bf6 21.Qd2 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 Qc7 23.Rh5 1-0 Smirin,I (2649)-Akobian,V (2556) HB Global CC 2005 (8)]
9.Re1± g5
[9...b5 10.Nf1 Bb7 11.Ng3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qb6 13.Bb1 0-0-0 14.Be3 h6 15.Bd3 Kb8 16.Rc1 f6 17.exf6 gxf6 18.Bf4+ e5 19.dxe5 fxe5 20.Nxe5 Ndxe5 21.Bxe5+ Nxe5 22.Rxe5 Bc5 23.Re2 Rhf8 24.Rcc2 1-0 Guttula,B (2278)-Golubenko,V (2209) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Feb Early blitz 2024 (10)]
10.dxc5N 0.46/22
[10.h3± 0.83/20 h5 11.g4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qb6 13.Nb3 a5 14.a4 Nf8 15.Be3 Bd7 16.Nc5 hxg4 17.hxg4 Bxc5 18.dxc5 Qb4 19.Nxg5 Nxe5 20.Be2 Nc6 21.Qc1 Nd4 22.f4 Bc6 23.Bf1 Nb3 24.Qc3 d4 25.Qxb4 0-1 Scaletti,L (2372)-6.e3 0-0 7. ♗d2 (2376) (ol) 104/110 2008 (7.5) axb4]
10...Nxc5 11.Nb3

(Diagram)

aiming for Nb3xc5. White is slightly better. **11...Nxd3 12.Qxd3 Bd7 13.Bd2 h6 14.Rac1 b5** 1.13/22
[Better is 14...Na5± 0.46/19]
15.h3 Qc7 16.Nbd4 Kf8 1.41/22
[⌓16...Rc8 0.99/19]
17.b3± Kg7 18.Nxc6 Qxc6 1.59/20
[⌓18...Bxc6 1.06/22 19.Nd4 Bb7]
19.Nd4 Qc8 20.f4 White has more active pieces. **20...gxf4** 1.82/23
[20...Qg8± 1.19/20 was necessary.]
21.Rf1+- Qg8? 3.66/23
[21...Rh7 2.01/22 is a better defense. 22.Rxf4 *(22.Bxf4 Kh8±)* 22...Qf8]



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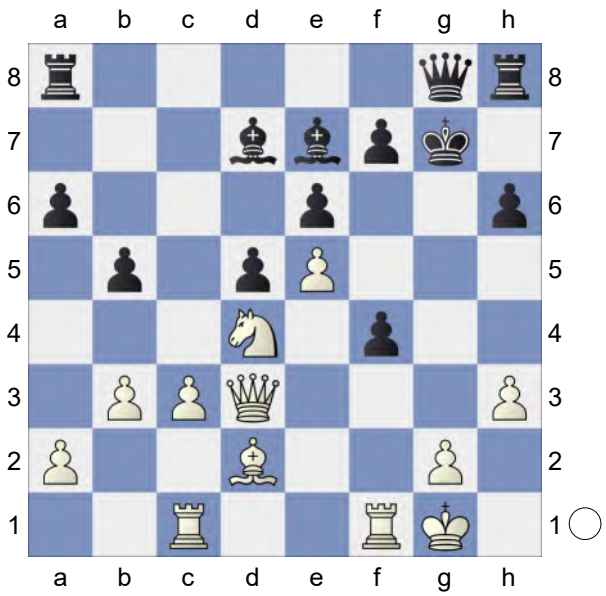
22.Rxf4
[22.Bxf4 Rh7 23.c4 bxc4 24.bxc4 Kh8 25.cxd5 Rg7]
22...Qh7 23.Qg3+ Kf8 24.Rcf1 Ke8 25.Rxf7 Qxf7 26.Rxf7 Kxf7 27.Qf3+ Kg7 28.Qg4+ Kf7 29.Qh5+ Kg7 30.Qg4+? -0.01/21
[White should play 30.Be1+- 3.34/23]
30...Kf7= 31.Qh5+? -0.01/24
[31.c4+- 5.09/23 dxc4 32.Qf3+ Kg6 33.Bb4]

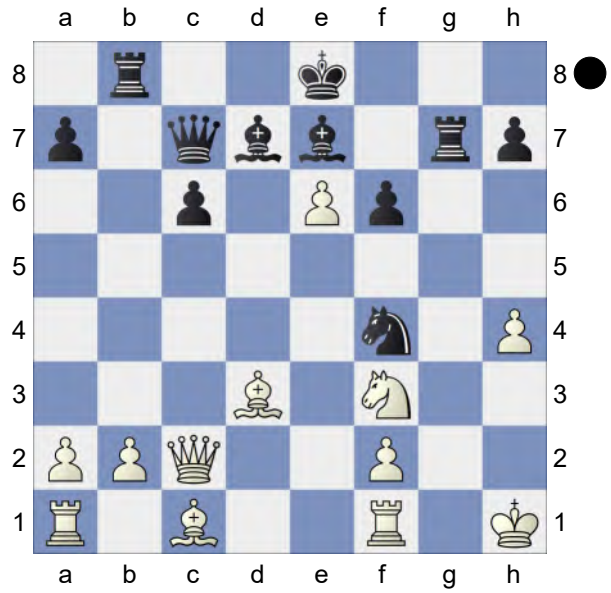


31...Kg7 32.Qg4+? -0.01/50 Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/Black=0.36
[32.Ne2+- 3.40/24 Rh7 33.Nf4]
½-½

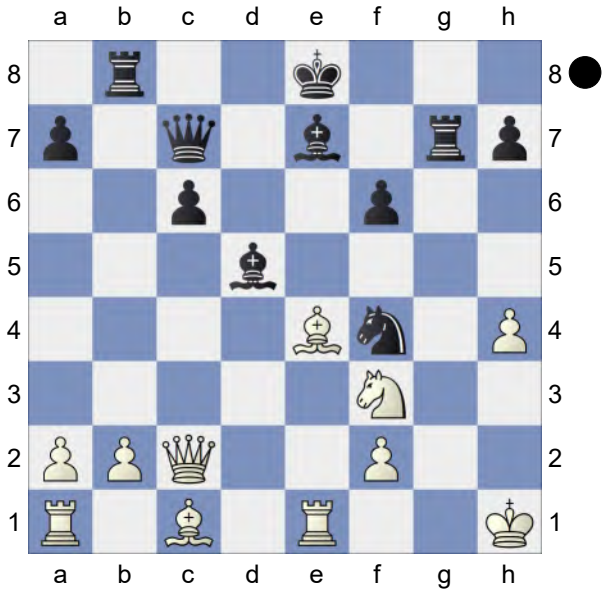
C07
□ **Khalesi,Vahid** **2074**
■ **Hasanzade,Toghrul Qasim Oglu**
Bitlis Betav op 1st (5) 05.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Qc7 9.Qe2 Ne7 10.Nf3 Ng6 11.e5** Repels Bf8-d6
11...Be7
[11...c5 12.c4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Be7 14.h4 Bc6 15.h5 Nf8 16.h6 g6 17.0-0 Qb7 18.Ba6 Qb6 19.Bg5 Nd7 20.Bxe7 Kxe7 21.Ng5 Qb4 22.Bc4 Rad8 23.a3 Qb8 24.Rfe1 Nb6 25.Rac1 Rd4 26.Bb5 1-0 Bellon Lopez,J (2734)-4.Nf3 a6 5. a4 b6 (2727) 31st TCh Halkidiki GRE 2002 (10.4)]
12.h4 f6! 13.exf6N -0.45/21
[13.Bxg6+= 0.01/21 hxg6
A) 14.Bf4 Qa5+ *(14...Qb6 15.c3 c5 16.Qc2 Kf7 17.0-0 Rh5 18.Rfe1 Rah8 19.Rad1 g5 20.exf6 gxf6 21.Bxg5 fxg5 22.Ne5+ Ke8 23.Qg6+ Kd8 24.Nf7+ Kc7 25.Nxh8 Rxh8 26.Qg7 Re8 27.h5 Qd6 28.h6 Qf4 29.Rxd5* 0-1 Krzyzanowski,M (2510)-Kashlinskaya,A (2468) Katowice Silesia 100th Ann op rapid 2024 (5)*)* 15.c3 c5 16.Qc2 Kf7 17.0-0 Qa4 18.Qd2 Qe4 19.Rfe1 Qf5 20.b4 g5 21.hxg5 Rh5 22.exf6 gxf6 23.Nh2 Qh7 24.Qe3 Rh8 25.Qg3 Qf5 26.Qf3 Qh7 27.Qg3 Rh4 28.Qf3 f5 ½-½ Gawlikowski,S (2344)-6.e3 Nbd7 7.c5 Nh5 (2431) Asian Continental op 20th 2023 (4) 29.c4 Bxg5 30.Bxg5 Rxh2 31.Kf1 Qg7 32.Qf4 Qc3 33.f3 Qc2 34.Re2 Qd3 35.Qe5 Qd4 36.Qxd4 cxd4 37.Kf2 dxc4 38.Bf4 Rh1 39.Ree1 Rxe1 40.Rxe1 Ba4 41.Re5 Rb8 42.Rxf5+ exf5 43.Bxb8 c3 ½-½ Fiorito,J (2344)-Paveto,K (2431) Mercosur Cup 24th 2022 (4) 44.Be5 c2 45.Bf4 Ke6 46.Ke1 Kd5 47.Kd2 Kc4 48.Bd6 a6 49.g4 fxg4 50.fxg4 d3 51.g5 Be8 52.Be7 Kb5 53.Kc1 Bf7 54.a3 Ka4 55.Bf8 Kb3 56.Bg7 Bg6 57.Bf6 ½-½ Gawlikowski,S (2344)-6.e3 ♘bd7 7.c5 ♘h5_53029 (2431) Asian Continental op 20th 2023 (4);
B) 14.0-0]
13...gxf6∓ 14.c4 -0.58/20
[14.h5= -0.19/21 might be stronger. Nf4 15.Bxf4 Qxf4 16.c4]
14...Rb8 -0.01/21
[14...e5∓ -0.58/20 15.h5 Bb4+

16.Kf1 Ne7]
15.0-0 Nf4 16.Qc2 -0.70/21
[16.Bxf4= -0.23/20 feels stronger. Qxf4 17.b3]
16...Rg8 17.cxd5
[17.Bxh7 Rxg2+ 18.Kh1 Rg4=]
17...Rxg2+ 18.Kh1 Rg7 aiming for ... Nf4xd3.
[18...exd5 19.Bxh7 *(19.Bxf4? Qxf4 20.Rg1 Rxg1+ 21.Nxg1 Kf7-+)* 19...Rg4 20.Rg1∓]
[18...Nxd3 19.Kxg2 Nxc1 20.dxc6 *(20.Rfxc1 Qf4=; 20.Qxc1 exd5 21.h5 Bh3+* Decoy *22.Kxh3 Qd7+ 23.Kh4 Rb4+∓; 20.Raxc1 Qf4∓; 20.Qxh7 Ne2∓)* 20...Bxc6 21.Raxc1+- *(21.Qxc1? Qb7-+)*]
19.dxe6? -2.90/22
[White should try 19.Rg1!∓ -0.62/22 Rxg1+ 20.Kxg1]



19...Bxe6? -0.16/22
[19...Nxd3!-+ -2.90/22 20.Bh6 Bxe6 *(20...Rxb2 21.Qxd3 Bxe6 22.Bxg7±)* 21.Qxd3 Bd5]
20.Be4!= Bd5
[20...c5!? 21.Bd2 Ne2±]
21.Re1? -2.44/23
[21.Bxd5= -0.01/24 and White is okay. Nxd5 22.Bd2]

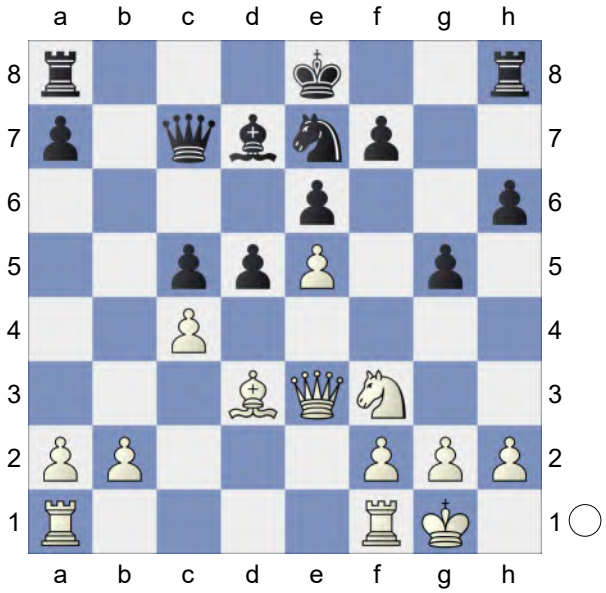


21...Rb4? -0.25/21
[21...Qd7!-+ -2.44/23 (→ ...Qd7-h3+) 22.Nh2 *(22.Bxf4? Rxb2 23.Qa4 Qg4-+)* 22...Rb4 23.Bxf4 Rc4 *(23...Qf5? 24.f3+-)*]
22.Bxd5 Nxd5→ White needs to defend precisely. **23.Qf5 Qd7 24.Qxd7+ Kxd7 25.a3** -1.75/23
[25.Rg1∓ -0.73/21 Rxg1+ 26.Kxg1]
25...Rb3-+ 26.Be3 Rxb2 27.Bxa7 Rb3 28.Be3 Nxe3 -1.05/25
[28...Bxa3 29.Nd4 Rd3 30.Rg1 Rxg1+ 31.Kxg1∓]
[28...Rxa3-+ -1.66/23 29.Rxa3 Bxa3]
29.fxe3 -1.43/23
[⌓29.Rxe3 -1.05/25 Rxe3 30.fxe3]
29...Rxa3
[29...Bxa3 30.Nd4 Rc3 31.Red1=]
30.Red1+ Kc7 31.Rxa3 Bxa3∓ Endgame. KRB-KRN **32.Nd4 Re7** -0.59/25 Dodges Nd4-e6+
[32...Rg4-+ -1.66/22 ...Ba3-b4! is the strong threat. 33.h5 Rh4+ 34.Kg2 Rxh5]
33.Rf1∓ Rxe3 Hoping for ...Re3-h3+.

34.Rxf6 Bb2 -0.01/24
[Better is 34...c5!∓ -0.55/21 35.Nb5+ Kb7]
35.Rxc6+= The position is equal.
35...Kd7 36.Rc5 Rh3+
[36...Bxd4 37.Rd5+ Ke7 38.Rxd4]
37.Kg2 Rxh4 38.Nf3 Rg4+ 39.Kh3 Rg8 40.Rh5 Rg7 41.Ne5+ Ke6 42.Nd3 Bf6 43.Nf4+ Kf7 44.Rf5 White happily takes the draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.31
½-½

C07
□ **Kovalskyi,Roman** **2108**
■ **Eilenberg,Jonas** **2285**
EU-ch U18 Prague (3) 24.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

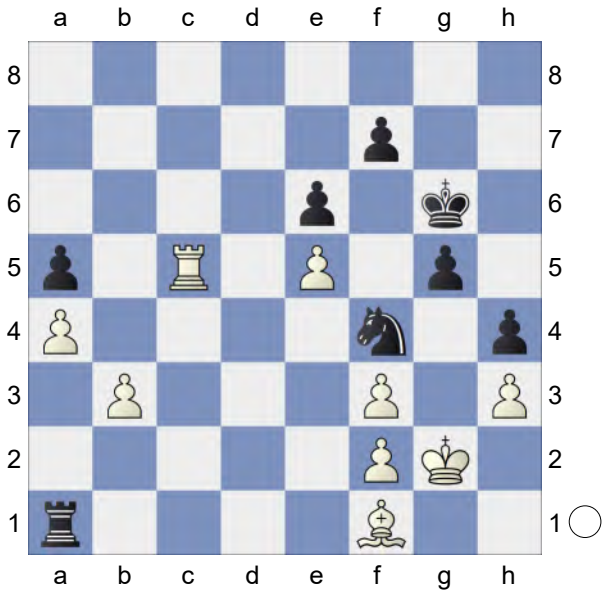
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Nf3 Ne7** White is slightly better.
[10...dxe4 11.Bxe4 Nf6 12.0-0 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 f6 14.Rd1 Rd8 15.Bd2 c5 16.h3 Be7 17.Qc4 Qb6 18.a4 e5 19.Be3 Rc8 20.Nd2 Be6 21.Qb5+ Kf7 22.Ne4 Qc6 23.f3 a6 24.Qe2 h6 25.Rd2 0-1 Bonacker (2585)-15.♘c4 0-0 16.♕e5 ♖ab8 (2710) 108/(41) Moscow 2010 (1.7)]
11.e5 Bc5 12.c4N -0.15/20
[12.h4± 0.50/19 Nf5 13.h5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.f4 f5 16.g4 0-0 17.c3 Bc5 18.gxf5 exf5 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 Qb6 21.Qd2 Be6 22.0-0-0 a5 23.Rdg1 Ra7 24.Rg5 Re7 25.Rhg1 Kh8 26.R1g3 Qa7 27.Qg2 1-0 Bures,J (2421)-Genser,H (2263) AUT-chT 2324 2023 (11.5)]
[12.0-0 Bb6 13.c4 *(13.Bd2 c5 14.c4 h6 15.Rac1 a5 16.cxd5 exd5 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Bb5+ Kf8 19.Ne5 Nf5 20.Bc3 Qd6 21.Rfe1 Bc7 22.Qh5 Ne7 23.Bd7 g6 24.Qf3 Rh7 25.Bxe6 Qxe6 26.Ng4 Qc6 27.Nf6 Rg7* 1-0 Muzychuk,A (2561)-Muminova,N (2332) Lopota FIDE GP (Women) 2014 (5) *28.Rxe7 Kxe7 29.Nxd5+ Kf8 30.Nxc7* 1-0 Oms Pallisse,J (2561)-Ly,A (2332) 40/547 Dortmund 1985 (5)*)* 13...c5 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bd2 Bc6 16.Rac1 d4 17.Be4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Qc6 19.Qe2 a5 20.Ne1 Bc7 21.b3 Nf5 22.Nd3 0-0 23.h3 Kh8 24.Qg4 a4 25.b4 cxb4 26.Bxb4 Rfb8 1-0 Yuan,Q (2360)-Karas,M (2232) Titled Tuesday intern op 19th Dec Early blitz 2023 (4)]
12...h6 13.0-0 g5 1.17/18 Prevents Bc1-f4
[13...Bb6= 0.10/19 remains equal.]
14.Be3 0.71/20
[Better is 14.Rd1 1.17/18]
14...Bxe3± 15.Qxe3
[15.fxe3?! g4=]
15...c5



16.cxd5 0.25/22
[16.Nd2!± 0.82/20]
16...Nxd5= 17.Qe4 -0.33/22
[17.Qc1= 0.11/22 was preferrable.]
17...Bc6 0.08/20
[17...Rb8∓ -0.33/22]
18.Rfc1 Qb6 19.Qc4 Nf4! ...Bc6xf3! is the strong threat. **20.Qxc5**
[20.Be4 feels hotter. Bb5 21.Qxc5 Ne2+ 22.Kh1]
20...Qxc5 21.Rxc5 Bxf3 22.Bb5+ Kf8 23.gxf3 Kg7 24.Rc7 -0.96/22
[24.b4∓ -0.49/22 is superior.]
24...Rhd8 Black has strong compensation. **25.Bd7** -1.14/25
[25.b4∓ -0.66/22 might be stronger.]
25...a5 26.Rd1 -1.92/25
[26.b3∓ -1.01/24]
26...Rab8-+ 27.b3 -2.05/24
[27.Rd2∓ -1.60/24]
27...Rb5 28.Bxb5? -3.96/26
[28.Kf1 -2.04/24 was worth a try.]
28...Rxd1+ Endgame. KRB-KRN **29.Bf1 Ne2+?** -0.31/5
[29...h5-+ -4.28/28 30.Rc2 Ra1]
30.Kg2∓ Nf4+ 31.Kg1 Ra1 And now ... h6-h5! would win. **32.a4?** -5.15/29
[32.Rc4 -2.81/25]
32...h5-+ 33.Rc2 h4 34.h3 Kg6
[34...Nxh3+ 35.Kh2 Nf4 *(35...Rxf1 36.Kxh3 Rd1 37.Kg4∓)* 36.Bc4-+]
35.Rc5 Ne2+? 0.01/30
[Black should try 35...Nxh3+-+ -5.93/28 36.Kh2 Rxf1 *(36...Nxf2? 37.Bh3-+)* 37.Kxh3 Rxf2]
36.Kg2= Nf4+

(Diagram)

Deflection **37.Kg1** Black continues to play with concentration. **37...Nxh3+ 38.Kh2 Nf4** Dodges Bf1-d3+ **39.Bh3** -7.24/24

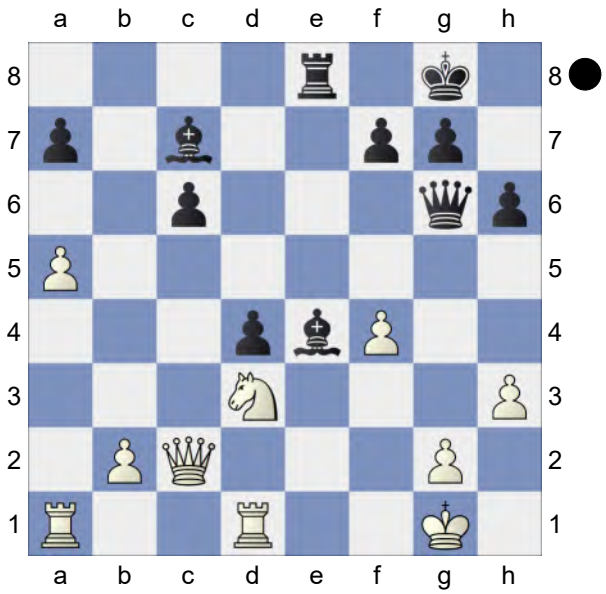


[⌓39.Bc4 -4.82/24 Ra2 40.Kg1]
39...Ra2-+ 40.Bg4 Rxf2+ 41.Kg1 Rb2 42.Rxa5 h3 43.Ra8 h2+ 44.Kh1 Kg7 Against Ra8-g8+. (→ ...Rb2-f2!) **45.a5 Rf2** Black mates. **46.Bh3 Nxh3 47.a6 Nf4**
[47...Rxf3 48.a7 g4 *(48...Rxb3 49.Rg8+* Decoy *Kxg8 50.a8Q+ Kh7 51.Qd8∓)* 49.Kxh2=]
48.a7 Nh5
[48...Rxf3? too greedy. 49.Rg8+ *(49.Kxh2?* is the wrong capture. *Rf2+ 50.Kg3 Ra2-+)* 49...Kh7 50.a8Q+- *(50.a8B? Rf1+ 51.Kxh2 Kxg8-+)*]
49.Rg8+ Kxg8 50.a8Q+ Kg7 51.f4 Ng3# Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.50
0-1

C09
□ **Ellithorpe,Gilbert P** **2660**
■ **Margarido,Jose Miguel Teixeir**
Cordoba 1995
[Kitty Kat]

C09: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 5 Ngf3 Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5**

3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nb3 Bd6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bd3 h6 12.h3 Nf5 13.Bd2N
[13.c3 Qf6 14.Bc2 Rd8 *(14...Be6 15.Qd3 Rfe8 16.Bd2 g6 17.Rad1 Rac8 18.Bb1 a6 19.Bc1 Bf8 20.Be3 Nxe3 21.Rxe3 Bd6 22.Rde1 Kg7 23.a3 Bb8 24.Nbd4 Nxd4 25.Qxd4 Qxd4 26.Nxd4 Bd7 27.Ba2 Rxe3 28.Rxe3 Bc6 29.Kf1 ½-½ Sorokovikov,V (2540)-8.d4 Bg7 9. Bd3 (2565) corr 58/374 1991)* 15.Qd3 g6 16.Qd2 *(16.Qd1 Bf8 17.Bxf5 Bxf5 18.Be3 Be4 19.Nh2 h5 20.Qd2 Be7 21.Rad1 a5 22.Bb6 Re8 23.Nc5 Bd6 24.Nxe4 Bxh2+ 25.Kxh2 dxe4 26.Kg1 Qe6 27.b3 a4 28.c4 axb3 29.axb3 Ra3 30.Re3 Rea8* 1-0 Gamilova,R (2499)-5.Qb3 c6 6.cd5 (2271) WC-2002-S-00004 2000 *)* 16...Bf8 17.Qf4 Bg7 18.Bd2 g5 19.Qh2 b6 20.Rad1 Ba6 21.Bxf5 Qxf5 22.Be3 Bc4 23.Nbd4 Bxd4 24.Nxd4 Nxd4 25.Bxd4 Re8 26.Qc7 Bxa2 27.Qc6 Rf8 16) White Avoids 8. Na3-Alvarez Pedraza,A URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]
13...Bc7 14.Bc3 Qd6 The position is equal. **15.Bb5**
[15.Qd2 feels hotter. Rd8 16.Rad1 Bb6 17.a4]
15...Bb6 16.a4 d4 17.Bd2 Rd8 0.46/20
[17...a6!= -0.11/21 18.Bd3 Bd7]
18.Nc1? -2.23/21
[18.a5± 0.46/20 keeps the upper hand. Bc7 19.Re4]
18...Ne3!-+ Deflection **19.Qe2** -3.05/22
[19.Bxe3 -2.06/23 might work better. dxe3 Discovered Attack 20.Qxd6 exf2+ *(20...Rxd6 21.fxe3 Nb4 22.Bd3∓)* 21.Kh2 fxe1Q *(21...Rxd6? 22.Re8+ Kh7 23.Nd3-+)* 22.Qxd8+ Nxd8 *(22...Bxd8 23.Nxe1 a6 24.Bxc6∓)* 23.Nxe1]
19...Nxc2 20.Bf4 Qxf4 21.Qxc2 Bf5 -1.69/20
[⌓21...Bxh3 -2.87/21 22.Bf1 Rac8]
22.Nd3 Qd6 23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.Nfe5 Re8 25.Qc4 Re6 Strongly threatening ... Ra8-e8. **26.f4** -2.62/21
[26.g4 -1.77/21 was worth a try. Bxd3 27.Nxd3]
26...Rae8 27.a5 Bc7 Threatens to win with ...g7-g5. **28.Red1 Be4 29.Qc5 Rg6 30.Nxg6** -3.36/23
[⌓30.Rd2 -2.25/23 Qxc5 Remove Defender, Deflection 31.Nxc5 Bxe5 32.fxe5 Rxe5 33.Rc1]
30...Qxg6 31.Qc2



c5 -1.86/22 **32.b3?** -5.03/22
[32.Re1 -1.86/22 is a better chance.]
32...Bf5 ...Re8-e3! would now be deadly. A strong pair of Bishops. **33.Rd2**
[33.Qxc5 Re2 34.Ne1 Be4 *(34...Bxf4? 35.Kf1-+)*]
33...Bd6 -1.94/20
[33...Bxh3 34.Qxc5 Re3 35.Qxc7± *(35.Qxd4 Qg3=)*]
[33...Qg3 -5.16/22 34.Rf1 Bxf4

(34...Bxa5? 35.Qxc5 Bxd3 36.Rxd3-+) 35.Rxf4 Re1+ *(35...Bxh3? 36.Rf3+- Skewer; 35...Qxf4? 36.Nxf4 Bxc2 37.Rxc2+-)* 36.Nxe1 Bxc2]

34.Qc4 Qg3

[34...Bxh3 35.b4 cxb4 36.Qxd4]

35.Rf1 Re3

[35...Bxh3 36.b4∓ *(36.Nxc5? Bxf4 37.Rxf4 Qxf4-+; 36.Rf3 Re1+ 37.Nxe1 Qxe1+ 38.Kh2 Qxd2∓)*]

36.Ne5 Be6 Really sharp! Black is more active.

[36...Rxb3? 37.Qxf7+ Kh8 38.Qxf5+-]

37.Qb5 -3.94/23

[37.Qa6∓ -1.49/21 only move. Bxe5 38.fxe5]

37...Bxe5? -1.36/21

[37...Bxb3 38.Rdf2∓]

[37...Bxh3 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.Qxf7∓]

[37...Rxb3-+ -3.94/23 is more deadly. 38.Qe2 c4 *(38...Bxh3? 39.Qe4-+)*]

38.fxe5∓ Qxe5 -0.99/22

[38...Bxb3 39.Qxc5 Rxe5 40.Qxd4±]

[38...d3-+ -1.67/23 39.Qb8+ Kh7]

39.b4 Rc3 -0.74/22

[Black should try 39...cxb4 -1.20/23 40.Qxb4 d3]

40.Re2 Qd6 -0.09/26

[40...Qg5∓ -0.97/23 ...Kg8-h7 is the strong threat. 41.bxc5 d3 *(41...Rxc5 42.Qd3∓; 41...Qxc5 42.Qxc5 Rxc5 43.Rd2=; 41...Rxh3 42.Qb8+ Kh7 43.Qe5=)*]

41.bxc5 Rxc5

[41...Qg3 looks sharper. 42.c6 d3 43.Ref2 Kh7]

42.Qb4 -1.41/23

[42.Rxe6!= 0.01/24 fxe6 43.Qe8+ Kh7 44.Rf8 Rc1+ *(44...Rxa5 45.Rh8#)* 45.Kf2 Rc2+ 46.Kg1 Rc1+ 47.Kf2 Rc2+ 48.Kg1 Rc1+]

42...d3 43.Rd2 -1.64/23

[43.Re3∓ -1.13/23 Bf5 44.a6]

43...Rd5? 0.01/24

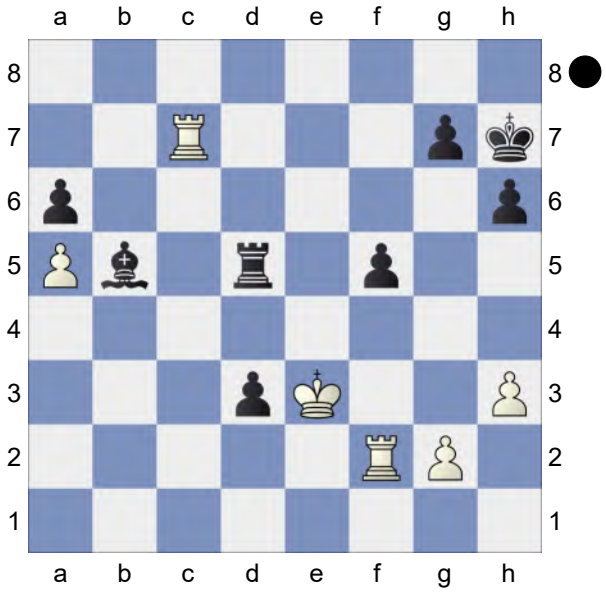
[43...Bf5-+ -1.64/23 White must now prevent ...Kg8-h7. 44.Rb2 Qd5]

44.Qxd6= Rxd6 Endgame. KRR-KRB

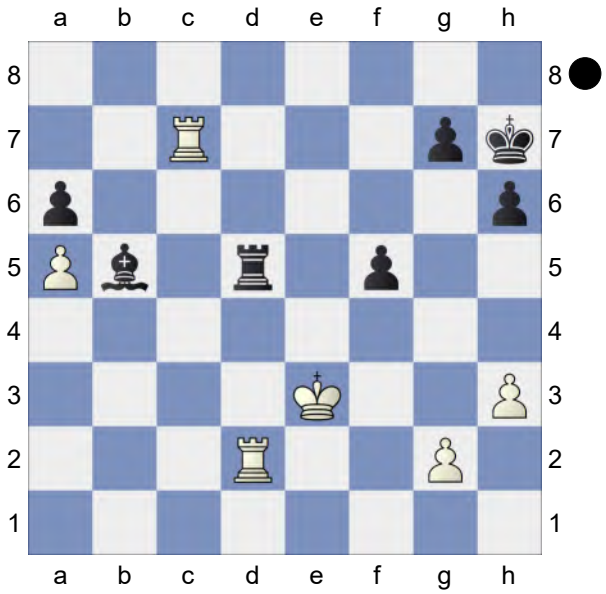
45.Rc1 Rd5 46.Ra1 Bd7 47.Kf2 Bb5 48.Ke3 a6 49.Rc1 f5 50.Rc7 Kh7

51.Rf2? -7.20/23

[51.g4= -0.01/24]



51...d2!-+ 52.Rxd2



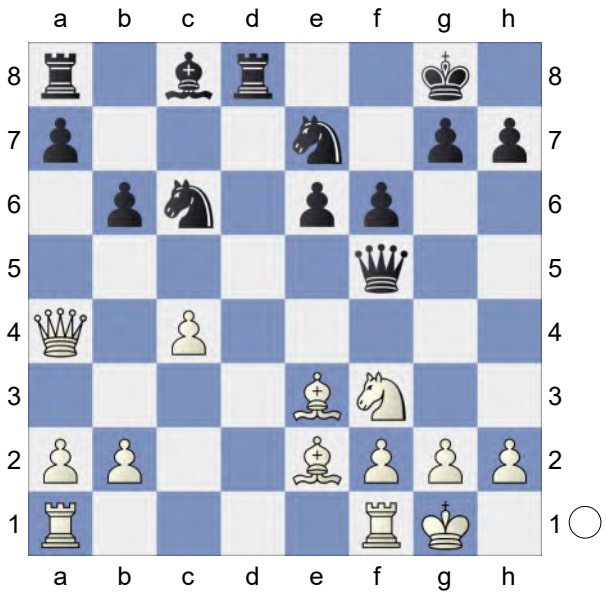
f4+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/

Black=0.47
0-1

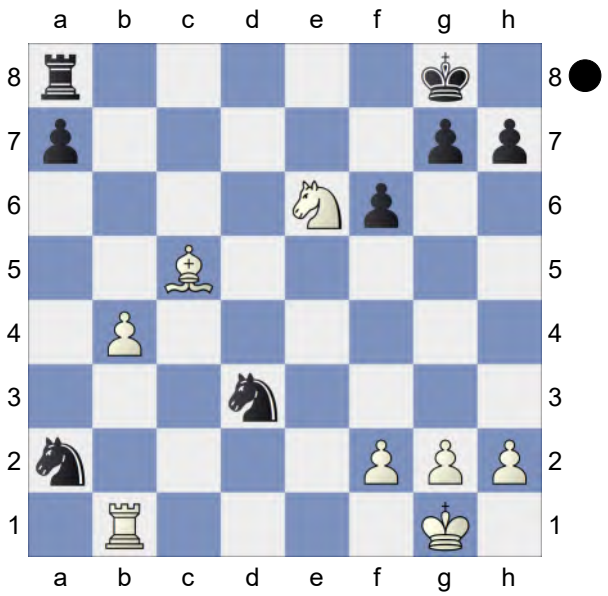
C07

□ **Shonazarov,Orash** **2277**
■ **Altynbekuly,Madiyar** **2114**
FIDE World Rapid Team (12.37) 04.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

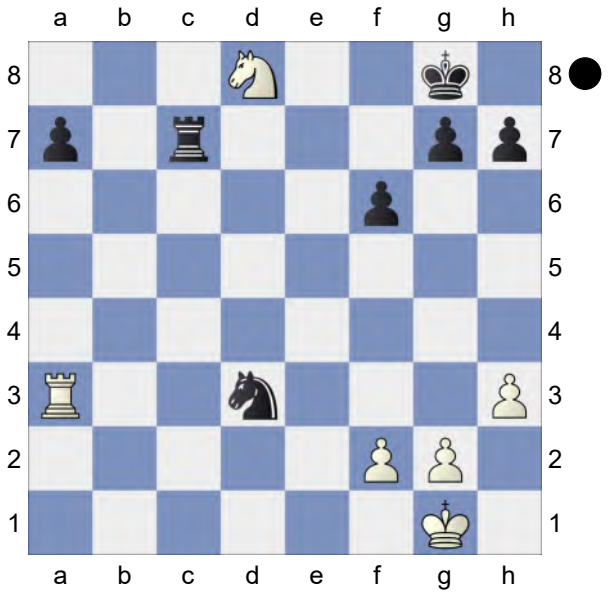
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Ne4 Nc6N** 0.76/21
[6...cxd4= 0.14/19 7.Nxd4 Be7 8.Be2 *(8.Qg4 Kf8 9.Qf3 Qb6 10.c3 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd3 Ba6 13.0-0 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 f5 15.Nd2 Kf7 16.Re1 Rhe8 17.c4 Nf4 18.Qg3 Ng6 19.Nf3 Rad8 20.h4 Bd6 21.Qh3 Kg8 22.h5 Nf4* 1-0 Pravec,L (2435)-8.d4 ♗g7 9. ♗d3 (2450) (ch) 100/(252) 2007 (2)*; 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Qe2 Qc7 12.Rd1 Rd8 13.Bg5 Bxg5 14.Nexg5 h6 15.Ne4 Nce7 16.Bxd5 Rxd5 17.c4 Rd7 18.Ng3 Ng6 19.h4 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Bd7 21.h5 Ne7 22.Ne4 Bc6* ½-½ Tal,M-Andersson,U It Wijk aan Zee (Netherlands) 1973*)* 8...0-0 9.0-0 e5 10.Nb5 Nc6 11.c4 Ndb4 12.Bd2 Nd4 13.Bxb4 Bxb4 14.c5 Bf5 15.Nxd4 Bxe4 16.Nb3 Qe7 17.Qc1 a5 18.a3 a4 19.axb4 axb3 20.Qc4 Bc2 21.Bd3 Bxd3 22.Qxd3 Qe6 0-1 Zahn,W (2220)-Schulz,M (2125) Landesliga Sued 9495 1994 (5. 3)]
7.dxc5± Bxc5 8.Nxc5 Qa5+ White is better. **9.c3 Qxc5 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Rd8 12.Qa4 b6** 0.61/19
[12...e5= 0.08/19]
13.Bg5
[13.Rd1!?]
13...f6 14.c4 Nde7 15.Be3 Qf5 2.01/21
[15...Qb4± 0.47/21 16.Qxb4 Nxb4]



16.c5 0.64/19 **Bb7± 17.Rac1 bxc5** 1.30/21
[17...Nd5± 0.41/20]
18.Rxc5±
[18.Bxc5?! Nd5±]
18...Rd5 19.b4 -0.01/23
[19.Rcc1± 1.35/19]
19...Rxc5 0.56/22
[19...a5!= -0.01/23]
20.Bxc5± Nd5 21.Ba6 A strong pair of Bishops. **21...Nc3 22.Qa3 Bxa6 23.Qxa6 Ne5** 1.46/21
[23...Qd5= 0.29/23 remains equal.]
24.Nd4± Deflection
[24.Bxa7? Nxf3+ 25.gxf3 Qg5+ *(25...Qxf3 26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.Re1=; 25...Nb5 26.Qc6=)* 26.Kh1 Qd5-+]
24...Qd3 25.Qxd3 -0.10/19
[25.Qxe6++- 1.89/21 Kh8 26.h3]
25...Nxd3= 26.Nxe6 Nxa2 27.Rb1 -0.75/23
[27.Ra1= -0.07/23 Naxb4 28.Rxa7]



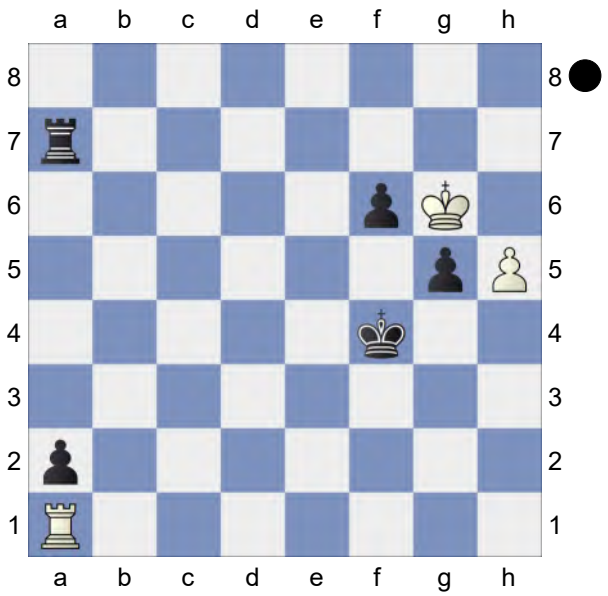
27...Naxb4!∓ 28.Bxb4 Rb8 29.h3 Rxb4 -0.36/26 Endgame. KRN-KRN
[29...Nxb4∓ -0.86/23 30.Ra1 Rb7]
30.Ra1 -0.86/24
[30.Rd1∓ -0.36/26 Ne5 31.f4]
30...Rb7 -0.40/21
[30...Re4∓ -0.86/24 31.Ra3 Rxe6 32.Rxd3 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Ra1]
31.Nd8 -0.99/23
[31.f4∓ -0.40/21]
31...Rc7 32.Ra3



Nc5 33.Ra5 -1.49/23
[Better is 33.Re3 -0.81/25 Kf8 34.Ne6+ Nxe6 35.Rxe6]
33...Rc8 34.Kh2 Rxd8 -0.92/26
[Black should play 34...Nb3-+ -1.65/25 35.Ra3 Rxd8 36.Rxb3 a5]
35.Rxc5-+ KR-KR **35...Ra8 36.Ra5 Kf7** -0.01/25
[36...a6∓ -1.10/27 37.Kg3 Kf7]
37.Ra6!= Ke7 ...Ke7-d8 would now be deadly. **38.h4 Kd7 39.h5! h6 40.Kg3 Kc7 41.Kf4**
[41.Kg4!?]
41...Kb7 42.Ra1 -2.11/25
[42.Re6= -0.30/26 and White stays safe.]
42...a5-+ 43.Kf5 And now Kf5-g6 would win. **43...Kb6** -2.20/24
[⌓43...Ra7 -1.80/26 ...Kb7-b6 is the strong threat. 44.Ke4 a4]
44.Kg6? -4.28/26
[44.Rb1+ -2.20/24 Kc6 45.Rc1+ Kb6 46.Rb1+ Ka6 47.g4 *(47.Kg6 Ra7-+)*]
44...Ra7 45.f4 a4 46.f5? -10.44/26
[46.g4 -3.51/23 a3 47.g5 hxg5 48.fxg5 fxg5 49.Kxg5]
46...Kc5 47.g4 Kd5 48.Rd1+ -8.84/27
[⌓48.g5 -4.95/25 hxg5 *(48...fxg5 49.f6=)* 49.h6 gxh6 50.Kxf6]
48...Ke5 Threatens to win with ...a4-a3.
49.Re1+ Kf4 50.g5 fxg5 51.f6 gxf6 Strongly threatening ...a4-a3. **52.Kxh6 a3 53.Kg6 a2?** -0.01/30
[53...g4-+ -5.45/25 54.Rf1+ Ke3 *(54...Kg3? 55.Ra1-+)*]
54.Ra1 -5.45/30
[54.Rf1+!= -0.01/30 and White is okay. Kg4 55.Rg1+ Kf4 56.Rf1+ Ke5 *(56...Kg4 57.Ra1=)* 57.Ra1]

(Diagram)

54...g4! aiming for ...g4-g3. **55.h6 g3**



56.Kxf6 -#15/22
[56.h7-+ -5.15/23 Rxh7 *(56...Ra8 57.Rxa2 Rh8 58.Kg7=)* 57.Kxh7]
56...Ra6+ 57.Kg7 Kg5 58.h7 Ra7+ 59.Kg8 Kg6 -9.82/23
[⌓59...g2 -#18/22 60.h8Q Kg6 61.Kf8 Ra8+ Skewer 62.Ke7 Rxh8 63.Rg1 Kf5 64.Rc1 Rh1 65.Rc5+ Ke4 66.Rb5 g1Q *(66...g1R* leads to mate. *67.Rb4+ Kd3 68.Rb3+ Kc4 69.Rb8 a1Q 70.Rc8+ Kd3 71.Rd8+ Ke4 72.Rf8 Rg7+ 73.Rf7 Qa7+ 74.Ke6 Qxf7+ 75.Kd6 Qd5#)* 67.Rb4+ Kd5 *(67...Qd4* is a self mate. *68.Rxd4+ Kxd4 69.Kf6 a1Q 70.Ke6 Qa6+ 71.Kf7 Rh7+ 72.Kg8 Qg6+ 73.Kf8 Qf7#)* 68.Rb5+ Kc4 69.Kf7 Rh7+ *(69...a1B 70.Re5 Bxe5 71.Ke7 Qg8 72.Kd7 Rh7+ 73.Kc6 Qg6#; 69...Kxb5 70.Kf6 a1Q+ 71.Kf5 Qag7 72.Ke6 Rh6+ 73.Kf5 Q1g4#)* 70.Ke6 Qg4+ *(70...a1B 71.Rb4+ Kxb4 72.Kf5 Qe3 73.Kg4 Rg7+ 74.Kh5 Qh3#; 70...Qg6+* gets mated. *71.Ke5 a1Q+ 72.Kf4 Qf1+ 73.Ke5 Rh5#)* 71.Rf5 Qe4+ *(71...a1B? 72.Kd6 Qg6+ 73.Rf6 Qxf6#)* 72.Kd6 Qe7+ 73.Kc6 Qe6#]
60.h8N+ KRN-KR **60...Kf6 61.Rf1+ Ke5 62.Ng6+ Ke4 63.Ra1 Ke3 64.Kf8 g2** Hoping for ...Ra7-a4. **65.Nh4 Kf2 66.Nxg2 Kxg2 67.Ke8 Kf2 68.Kd8 Ke2** (→ ...Ke2-d3) **69.Kc8 Kd2 70.Kb8 Ra3** What a fight! Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/Black=0.58
0-1

C04
□ **Kukushkin,Ivan** **2054**
■ **Diaz Villagran,Robert** **2268**
Bydgoszcz op (1) 26.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

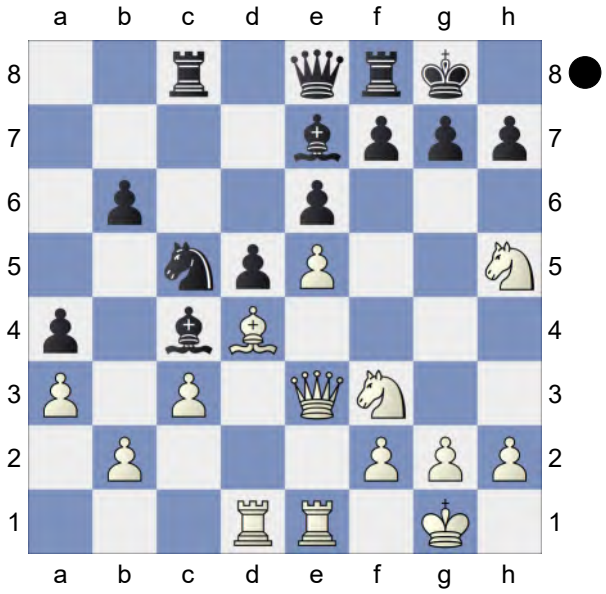
C04: French Tarrasch: 3...Nc6 Glek,Igor V: 'Glek,I: 'Inf 89/249'' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 Nb4 6.Qe2**
[6.e5 Nxd3+ 7.cxd3 Ng8 *(7...Nd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.Re1 b6 10.Nf1 0-0 11.Ng3 Re8 12.Nh5 c5 13.Qd2 g6 14.Ng3 Bf8 15.Qf4 f6 16.Qh4 f5 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Ne2 Nf8 19.Rac1 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 Qe7 21.Rc3 Bd7 22.Rec1* 1-0 Sztokbant,B (2222)-Vargas,G (2091) Joao Cordioli IM 2016 (6.4)) 8.Nf1 b6 9.Ng3 a5 10.0-0 Ba6 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Qd2 h6 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Nh5 0-0 15.Rac1 Ng6 16.Rc3 Qe7 17.Rfc1 Rfc8 18.Nf4 a4 19.Nxg6 fxg6 20.Qc2 g5 Glek,I (2555)-Rogers,I (2574) (open) 89/249 2003]
6...Nxd3+ 7.Qxd3 Be7N
[7...dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Qxe4 Qd5 10.Qf4 Bd6 11.Qg4 Bd7 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.0-0 f5 14.Qh4 h6 15.Rfc1 g5 16.Qh5 Be8 17.c4 Qc6 18.Qh3 g4 19.Qh4 gxf3 20.d5 Qd7 21.Qd4 Rg8 22.g3 0-1 Lobo,R (1979)-Lalic,P

(1905) GBR-ch Major op 95th 2008 (9) b6 23.c5 Bxc5 24.Rxc5 bxc5 25.Qxc5 Qxd5 26.Qc2 Rd6 27.b4 Qc6 28.Qb2 Qd7 29.Qc2 Qa4 30.Qb1 Bb5 31.Bc5 Rd5 32.Qe1 Be2 33.h4 Rd1 0-1 Nielsen,T (1979)-Bataille,B (1905) Sao Paulo International 1973 (9)]

8.e5 The position is equal. **8...Nd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 c5 11.c3 b6 12.Nf1 a5 13.Be3 Ba6 14.Qd2 Rc8 15.Ng3 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Nc5 17.Rad1 a4 18.Qe3 Bc4 19.a3 Qe8** 0.53/22

[19...Bb3= -0.20/21]

20.Nh5±



Threatens to win with Nh5-f6+! **20...Kh8 21.Ng5! f5?** 2.70/24 A mistake that costs the game.

[21...Bxg5= 0.19/22 22.Qxg5 Rg8]

22.exf6!→ White attacks with force.

22...gxf6 4.53/23

[22...Bxf6 2.31/24 23.Nxf6 gxf6 24.Nxe6 Nxe6]

23.Qh3 Qg6

[23...e5? 24.Nxf6 Qg6 25.Nfxh7 *(25.Ngxh7 Kg7+-)*]

24.Nxe6 Nxe6 25.Rxe6 Rc7 7.60/22

[⌓25...Rce8 4.87/22 26.Rde1 *(26.Bxb6 d4+-; 26.Rxb6 Bd8+-)* 26...Bd8 27.Nxf6 *(27.Bxb6? Bxb6 28.Nf4 Qf7-+)* 27...Rxe6 28.Nd7+ Discovered Attack (Check) Kg8 29.Qxe6+ Qxe6 30.Rxe6 Bb3 31.Nxf8 *(31.Bxb6 d4+-)* 31...Kxf8]

26.Rde1 Bd8 27.Qf3 Black is weak on the dark squares

[27.Rxb6 Re7 28.Rbe6 *(28.Bxf6+ Qxf6)* 28...Rxe6 29.Qxe6 Qxh5∓]

27...Rcf7 28.h3

[28.Bxb6 Bxb6 29.Rxb6 Re7=]

28...Kg8 29.Kh1 Bb3 30.Ng3

[30.Bxb6 d4 31.Nf4 Qf5+-]

30...Rd7 31.Nf5

[31.Bxb6 d4+-]

31...Bc2 32.Ne3 Ne3xc2! is the strong threat.

[32.Ne7+ Bxe7 33.Rxe7 Be4 34.R1xe4 *(34.Rxd7 Bxf3 35.gxf3 Qf5∓)* 34...dxe4 35.Rxe4 *(35.Rxd7? exf3 36.gxf3 Qf5-+)* 35...h5+-]

32...Be4 33.Qg4 Strongly threatening Re6xe4! **33...Qxg4 34.Nxg4 Kg7 35.f3**

[Much less strong is 35.Bxb6?! h5+-]

35...Bf5 36.Rc6 b5 37.Nf2 Rff7 4.08/22

[37...Kf7 2.83/20 keeps fighting. 38.Ng4 Kg7]

38.g4 Bc2 39.g5 Kg6 40.gxf6 h5 5.57/23

[40...Bc7 3.94/22 was worth a try. 41.Rg1+ Kh6]

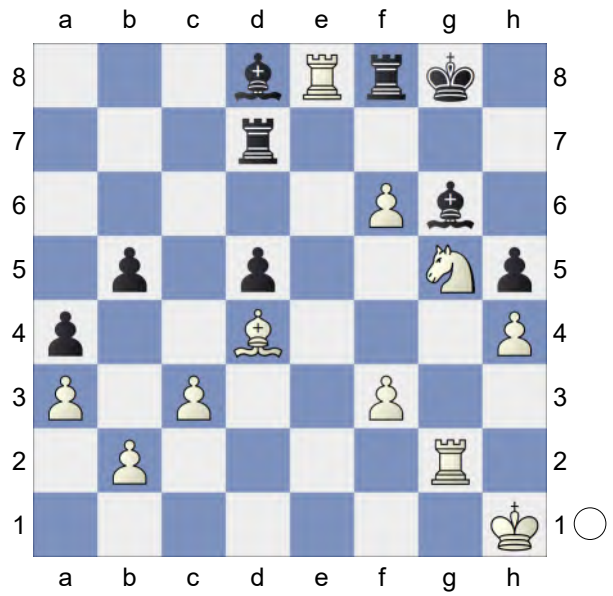
41.h4 Bf5 7.68/25 Against Nf2-h3

[⌓41...Rc7 5.03/24]

42.Rg1+ Kh6 43.Rg5 Bg6 44.Nh3 Bc7 Prevents Nh3-f4. **45.Be3 Kh7 46.Rg2 Bd8 47.Ng5+ Kg8 48.Bd4 Bc7 49.Re6 Bd8 50.Re8+ Rf8**

(Diagram)

51.f7+ Rdxf7 52.Nxf7 Rxe8 53.Nxd8



[53.Rxg6+ Kxf7 54.Rg7+ Ke6±]

53...Kh7 54.Nc6 Re1+ 55.Kh2 Be8 56.Nb4 8.15/29

[⌓56.Rg7+ #13/23 Kh6 57.Ne7 Rxe7 58.Rxe7 Kg6 59.Rxe8 Kf7 60.Re1 Kg8 61.Kg3]

56...Rf1 57.Nxd5 Nd5-f6+ would kill now. **57...Rxf3 58.Nf6+ Kh6 59.Ng8+ Kh7 60.Rg7+ Kh8 61.Rg3+** 13.12/31 Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.46

[⌓61.Ne7 #5/12 Rf2+ 62.Kg3 *(62.Bxf2 Kxg7 63.Bd4+ Kf8+-; 62.Rg2+ Kh7 63.Rxf2 Kh6 64.Rg2 Bf7 65.Nf5+ Kh7 66.Rg7+ Kh8 67.Rxf7+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kg8 68.Nh6#)* 62...Rf3+ Decoy 63.Kxf3 Bc6+ 64.Kf4 Bh1 65.Ng6#]

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C07

□ **Koskinen,H.** **2469**

■ **Mehidic,Safet** **2569**

Montreal Empresa-A (7) 17.02.2005

[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 Kosic,Dragan: 'Kosic,D: 'Inf 98/(205)'' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.Qe2 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Bg5 Qb4+ 10.Bd2 Qb6 11.0-0-0 Bd7** The position is equal. **12.Bg5 Bc5 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Qxe5 Bd6 15.Qxd4 Qxd4 16.Nxd4 Rc8N**

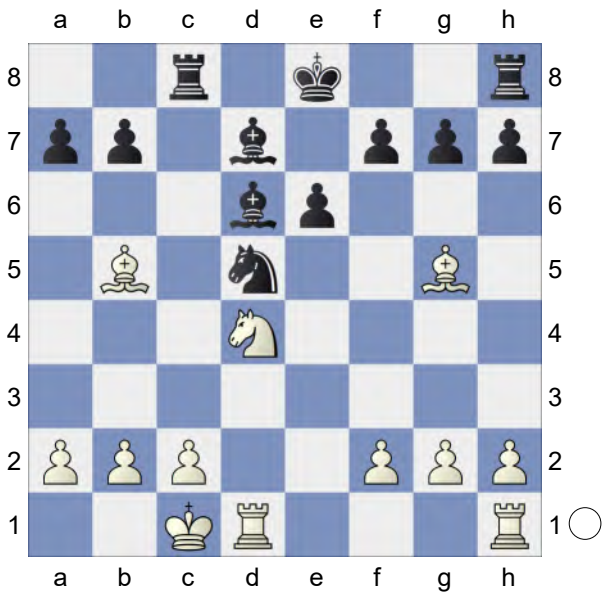
[16...Bc5 17.f3 h6 18.Bh4 0-0-0 19.Rhe1 Ba4 20.Nb3 Bb6 21.c3 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Nh5 23.Bf1 Nf4 24.c4 g5 25.Be1 Bg1 26.h3 Be3+ 27.Kc2 Rd8 28.Rxd8+ Kxd8 Belgrade Gambit,P-N,N]

17.Bb5

[17.Be2 simplifies h6 18.Bxf6 Bf4+ 19.Kb1]

17...Nd5? 1.95/23

[17...a6= 0.01/19 18.Bxd7+ Kxd7]



18.Nf5!+- Double Attack **18...Be5**

19.Rhe1! Bxb5 20.Rxe5 Kd7 Black is weak on the dark squares **21.Rdxd5+** 1.10/24
[White should try 21.Nxg7+- 1.75/21 Kc7 22.Nh5]
21...exd5± 22.Re7+ 0.58/5
[22.Nxg7 Rhg8 23.Nh5 *(23.Rxd5+? Kc6-+)* 23...Kd6=]
[Better is 22.Rxd5+± 1.11/23 Kc6 23.Ne7+ Kb6 24.Nxc8+ Rxc8 25.Rd6+ *(25.Be3+ Ka6±)* 25...Rc6 26.Be3+ Kc7 27.Rd4]
22...Kc6± 23.Be3 White is much more active.
[23.Nxg7 Rhg8 24.Bf6 *(24.Rxf7 Rcf8∓)* 24...Bd3=]
[23.Rxf7 Rcf8 24.Ne7+ Kd6 25.Nf5+ Kc6 *(25...Ke6 26.Rxf8 Rxf8 27.Nd4+ Kd7 28.Nxb5=)* 26.Nd4+ Kb6 27.Rxg7 Rhg8 28.Rxg8 Rxg8∓]
23...Ba6 2.05/19
[23...Bd3± 0.78/21 was called for. 24.Nd4+ *(24.cxd3 g6±)* 24...Kb6]
24.Rxf7+-
[24.Nxg7 Rc7 25.Rxc7+ Kxc7∓]
24...Rce8 25.Nd4+
[25.Nxg7 Rhf8 26.Rxf8 Rxf8±]
25...Kd6 2.70/20
[⌓25...Kc5 1.98/20 26.a3 *(26.Rxg7 Re4+-)* 26...Kb6 27.Nf5+ *(27.Rxg7 Reg8+-)* 27...Rxe3 28.fxe3 *(28.Nxe3 Kc6+-)* 28...g5]
26.b4 Re7 27.Nf5+ Discovered Attack, Double Attack **27...Ke6 28.Rxe7+ Kxf5** Endgame. KRB-KRB **29.a4** Black must now prevent b4-b5!
[29.Bxa7 Ra8 30.Bd4 g5 31.Re5+ *(31.Rxh7 g4+-)* 31...Kf4+-]
[29.Rxg7 Rc8 30.Rxh7 *(30.Bxa7 Rc4+-)* 30...Rc4+-]
29...Bf1 30.Rxb7
[Don't do 30.Rxg7 Rc8 31.g4+ *(31.Rxh7 Bxg2 32.Bd4 a5+-; 31.Rxb7 Rc4+-)* 31...Ke6]
30...a6 31.Rxg7 h5 32.h4 Rc8 33.Rg5+ Ke6 34.Rxh5 Rc4 35.Bc5 a5 36.Rh6+ Kf7 37.Rh7+ Kg6 38.Rc7 axb4 39.g3 b3 40.Bd6 Rxa4 41.cxb3 Ra6 2.57/22
[41...Re4 1.96/22 keeps fighting. 42.Re7 Bg2]
42.Bf4 Hoping for g3-g4. **42...Kf5 43.h5 Ra2 44.h6 Rxf2?** 9.74/24
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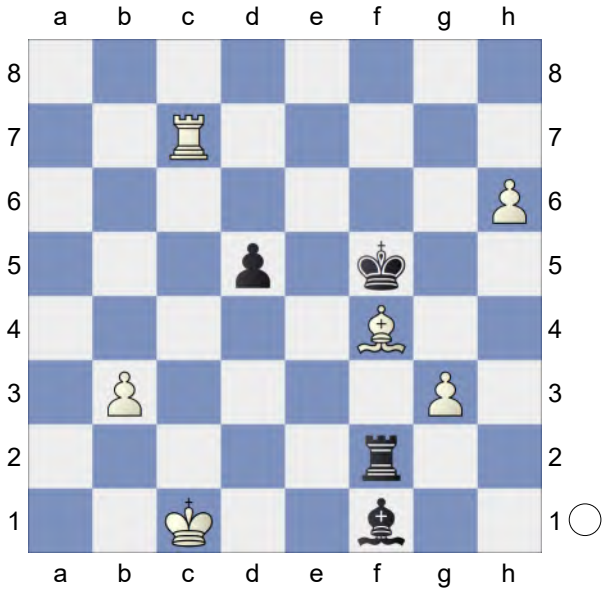

45.g4+! Promotion. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.24 (precise)
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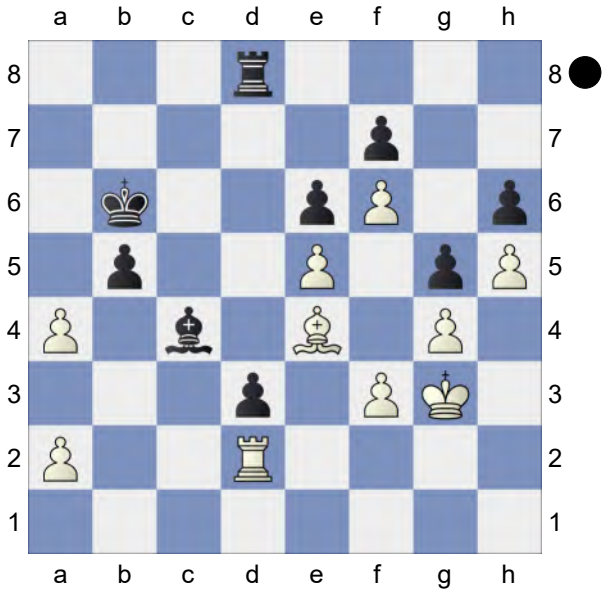
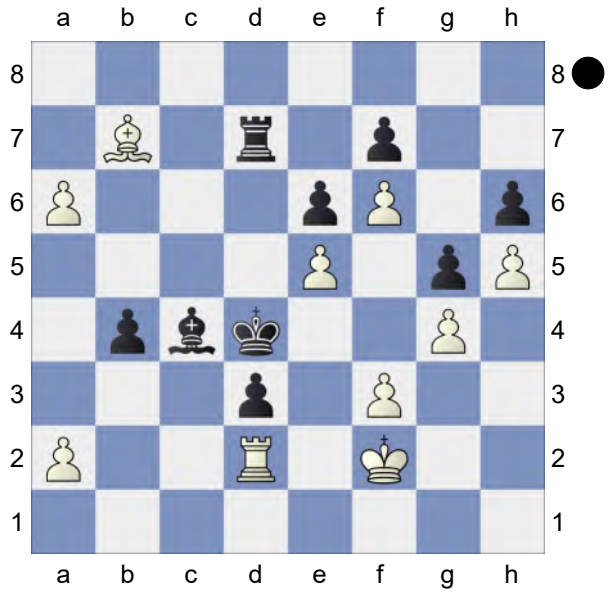
C06
□ **Buchicchio,Gianpaolo** **2650**
■ **Henzler,Steffen** **2630**
DSB Kongress-12 Meisterturnier plof (2)
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 b6 6.c3 Ba6 7.Bb1 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.Nf3 Qc7**

0.87/22
[9...cxd4± 0.46/21 10.Nexd4 *(10.cxd4 Bb4+ 11.Kf1 f6±)* 10...Qc8]
10.0-0± Rc8 1.34/21
[⌓10...h6 0.82/22]
11.Re1 Be7N White is better.
[11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Bb4 13.Bd2 h6 14.Bxb4 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Nxb4 16.Qd2 a5 17.a3 Nc2 18.Bxc2 Qxc2 19.Qxc2 Rxc2 20.Rac1 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Ke7 22.Ne1 Rb8 23.f4 Kd8 24.g4 Rc8 25.Rxc8+ Kxc8 26.Kf2 1-0 Knight Endgames,M (2400)-Babula,M (2325) Trinec op 1998 (7)]
12.Bd2 Na5 1.53/20
[Black should try 12...h6 1.10/20]
13.Nf4 1.07/19
[⌓13.h4 1.53/20]
13...Nc4 14.Bc1 aiming for b2-b3.
14...b5 1.93/23
[14...cxd4± 1.07/20 15.cxd4 g6]
15.Bd3 cxd4 16.cxd4 Qb6 17.h4 1.13/18
[17.Qe2+- 1.63/21]
17...h6 1.63/20
[17...b4± 1.13/18]
18.b3+- Na5 19.Be3 Nc6 20.Rc1 Kd8 21.Qe2 Ba3 22.Rc2 Nb4 1.90/20
[22...Kc7± 1.42/17 23.Nh5 g6]
23.Rxc8+ Kxc8 24.Bc1 1.47/21
[Better is 24.h5+- 1.97/20]
24...Bxc1 1.99/19
[24...Nxd3± 1.47/21 25.Nxd3 *(25.Bxa3 Nxe1 26.Qxe1 Kb7∓; 25.Qxd3 Be7±)* 25...Be7]
25.Rxc1+ Kb8 26.Nh5 Qa5 27.Qd2
[27.Nxg7 Qxa2 28.Qxa2 Nxa2=]
27...Qa3 White must now prevent ... Nb4xd3. **28.Bb1**
[28.Nxg7 Nxd3 *(28...Nxa2? 29.Ra1+-)* 29.Rc3 b4 30.Rxd3 Bxd3 31.Qxd3 Rc8 *(31...Qxa2 32.Qb5+ Nb6 33.Qxb4=)* 32.Qb5+ Nb6∓]
28...Rg8 29.Kh2 Bb7 2.97/20
[⌓29...Bc8 2.08/18 30.Ne1 Kb7]
30.Rd1 Nc6 2.23/19
[⌓30...a6 1.82/19 31.Bh7 Rh8]
31.Bh7! Rh8 32.Bd3 g6 33.Nf6 Nxf6 34.exf6 Qd6+ 35.Kg1 a6 36.Qe3 Qd8 37.Ne5 Nxe5 38.Qxe5+
[38.dxe5 d4 39.Qf4 g5=]
38...Qc7 39.Rc1 Pin **39...Qxe5 40.dxe5** Endgame. KRB-KRB **40...g5** 2.62/23
[40...d4± 1.57/18]
41.h5 Rd8 42.f3 d4 43.Rc5 Bd5 44.Kf2 Kb7 45.g4 Kb6 46.Rc2 a5 47.Kg3 0.11/22
[47.Bg6± 0.83/23 Rd7 *(47...fxg6? 48.hxg6 d3 49.Rd2+-)* 48.Kg3]
47...a4!= 48.bxa4 -1.06/23
[48.f4= 0.00/28 keeps the balance. axb3 49.axb3 Bxb3 *(49...gxf4+? 50.Kxf4 b4 51.g5+-)* 50.Rb2]
48...Bc4!∓ 49.Be4 -2.21/31
[49.Bxc4? bxc4 50.Rxc4 d3-+]
[49.Bg6∓ -0.74/22 was the only defense.]
49...d3-+ Black has strong compensation. **50.Rd2**



Threatens to win with Kg3-f2. **50...Kc5!**
51.Kf2? -3.84/32
[51.axb5∓ -1.26/20 is the only way for White. Kd4 52.b6]
51...Kd4 52.a5 b4 Strongly threatening ...Rd8-d7! **53.Bb7** -4.70/26
[⌓53.Bc6 -3.09/22]
53...Rd7 Black is clearly winning. **54.a6**

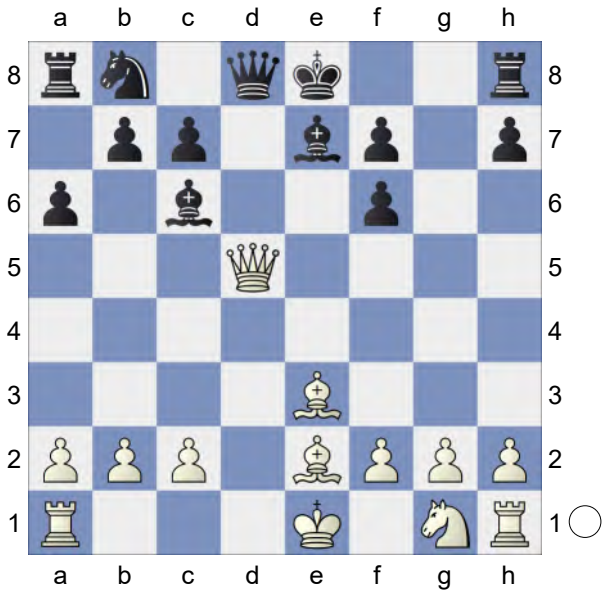


Bd5! 55.Rb2 -6.65/24
[55.Bxd5 Rxd5 56.f4 *(56.a7? Ra5-+)* 56...gxf4-+]
[⌓55.f4 -4.70/25 gxf4 *(55...Bxb7 56.axb7 Rxb7 57.fxg5∓)* 56.g5 *(56.Bxd5? Rxd5 57.g5 hxg5-+)* 56...Bxb7 *(56...Kxe5? 57.Rxd3 hxg5 58.a7+-; 56...hxg5? 57.h6-+)* 57.axb7 Rxb7 58.g6 *(58.gxh6? Kc3-+)*]
55...Kc3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.16 (very precise)
[But not 55...Bxb7? 56.Rxb4+ Kc5 57.axb7 Kxb4 58.b8Q++- *(58.b8R+ Kc3∓)*]
0-1

C13
□ **Djoric,Dusan** **2084**
■ **Stojanovic,Dalibor** **2454**
Arandjelovac op 2nd (1) 31.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C13: French: Classical System: 4 Bg5 Be7, Alekhine-Chatard Attack **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Nxf6+**
[6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.Qd2 f5 8.Nc3 b6 9.0-0-0 Bb7 10.Bb5+ c6 11.Be2 Nd7 12.Nf3 Qc7 13.Ne5 Rg8 14.Kb1 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Rd8 16.Qe3 Rxg2 17.Qh3 Rg7 18.f4 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 a6 20.a3 b5 ½-½ Lalic,S (2220)-Galego,L (2330) Oakham YM 1986 (6)]
6...gxf6 0.64/19
[6...Bxf6= 0.21/21 feels stronger. 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Qd3 Nc6 10.0-0-0 a5 11.a3 Bd7 12.Qc3 Rfb8 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qe7 15.Qxc7 Rc8 16.Qxd7 Qg5+ 17.Qd2 Qxe5 18.Bd3 b5 19.Rhe1 Qd5 20.Qf4 Qa2 21.Qe5 b4 22.axb4 axb4 1-0 Rakhmangulova,A (2309)-Sheikh Abdullah Munshee,A (1274) Swiss Queens Wed #4 blitz 2024 (5)]
7.Be3± 7.Nxc6 is the recent fashion. 7. Sxc6 ist aktuell in Mode. **7...a6N**
[7...Nc6 8.c3 Bd7 9.Qh5 f5 10.Nf3 Bf6 11.Bg5 a6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Qh4 Qg7 14.Qg3 Qg4 15.Qxg4 fxg4 16.Nd2 e5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nc4 Ng6 19.0-0-0 0-0-0 20.g3 Bc6 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Rg1 0-1 Ribeiro,E (1445)-Soares,J (2062) Florianopolis op 9th 2023 (1)]
8.Be2 Bd7N White is better. **9.Nf3**
[9.d5 exd5 10.Qxd5 Hoping for 0-0-0! Bc6 1.44/21 *(⌓10...Be6* 1.01/21 *11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.0-0-0+*

Nd7)



11.Qxd8+!± Bxd8 12.Bf3 Rg8 1.71/24 *(12...Be7± 1.16/22)* 13.Bf4+- f5 14.g3 Rg6 15.0-0-0]

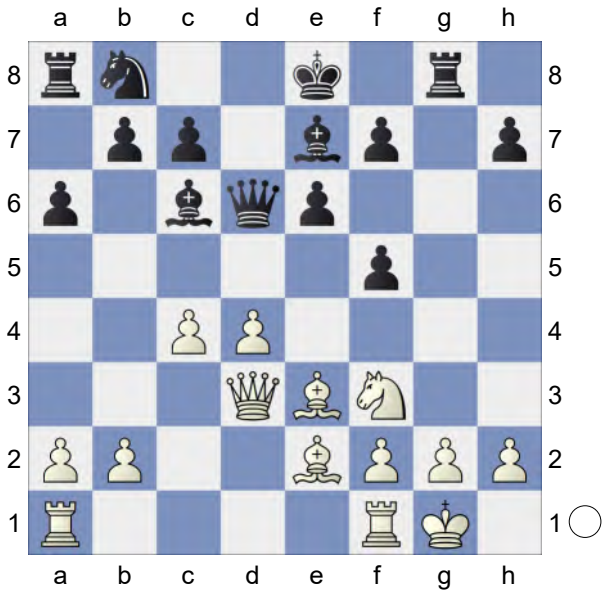
9...Bc6 10.0-0 Rg8 1.48/19

[⌓10...Be4 0.99/18]

11.c4 Qd6 12.Qd3 0.88/20 Repels Bc6-e4

[White should play 12.d5! 1.49/19 exd5 13.c5]

12...f5±



13.d5! Deflection **13...exd5 14.Qxf5** Black must now prevent c4xd5. **14...Nd7 15.Rad1** 1.01/20

[15.Qxh7 0-0-0±]

[⌓15.Nd4 1.49/22]

15...0-0-0? 2.94/23

[15...Qe6± 1.01/20 was called for. 16.Qxe6 *(16.Qxh7 Nf6±)* 16...fxe6]

16.cxd5+- Bb5 17.Bxb5 axb5 18.Bf4 1.73/23

[18.Qxh7 Qf6 19.Qe4 Nc5 20.Bxc5 Bxc5+-]

[⌓18.Qxf7 2.90/21 Threatens to win with Nf3-d4! Qf6 19.Qxf6 *(19.Qxh7? Qxf3 20.g3 Bd6-+)* 19...Nxf6 20.Bg5]

18...Qg6 19.Qh3 Kb8 20.Rfe1 Bf6 3.00/21

[⌓20...Bb4 1.73/21]

21.d6 c6 22.b3 h5 23.Ne5? 0.01/25

[23.Kf1+- 1.82/20]

23...Bxe5

[23...Nxe5 keeps more tension. 24.Bxe5 Bxe5 25.Rxe5 Rxd6 26.Rde1 Qg4]

24.Rxe5 -1.48/20

[24.Bxe5= 0.23/23 Nxe5 Remove Defender 25.Rxe5]

24...Nxe5∓ 25.Bxe5 Qg4 3.17/29 Dancing on a razor blade.

[25...f6∓ -1.06/22 keeps the pressure on. 26.Bg3 Ka8]

26.Qxg4+- hxg4 Endgame. KRR-KRB **27.d7+ Ka7 28.Bc7 b6 29.Rd4** 1.61/25

[⌓29.Bxd8 3.16/25 Rxd8 30.f3]

29...Kb7 2.89/21

[⌓29...f5 1.61/25 30.Bxd8 Rxd8]

Vorgänger: **30.Bxd8 Rxd8 31.Rxg4 Rxd7** KR-KR **32.h4** Strongly threatening Rg4-f4. **32...Rd1+** 3.01/5

[32...c5 2.03/22 is a better defense. 33.Rf4 Rc7]

33.Kh2 Rd2? 4.55/25

[33...c5 2.77/23 34.Rf4 Rd7]

34.h5 Rxa2 6.09/25

[⌓34...Rd5 4.30/23 35.Rh4 c5]
35.h6 Ra8 36.Rf4 c5 37.Rxf7+ 0-1 Lukas,M (2069)-Tiggelman,R (2211) Vlissingen HZ op 10th 2006 (7) **37...Kc6 38.Rf6+ Kc7** 7.36/22
[⌓38...Kd5 4.85/23 39.Rxb6 Rh8]
39.g4 c4 40.bxc4 bxc4 41.g5 And now g5-g6 would win. **41...b5 42.g6** White wants to mate with h6-h7. **42...c3 43.Rf3** 12.00/22
[⌓43.g7 #14/19 c2 44.h7 c1Q 45.g8Q Rxg8 46.hxg8Q Qc5 47.Rf7+ *(47.Qg7+ Kc8 48.Rf8+ Qxf8 49.Qxf8+ Kd7 50.f4 Kc6 51.f5 Kd5)* 47...Kd6 48.Qf8+ Skewer, Deflection *(48.Qg6+ Kd5 49.Qd3+ Kc6 50.Qd7+ Kb6 51.Qa7+ Kc6 52.Rc7+ Kd5 53.Rxc5+ Ke4 54.Qe7+ Kf4 55.Qe3+ Kg4 56.Qg3#)* 48...Ke6 49.Rf6+ *(49.Qxc5 Kxf7 50.Kg3 b4 51.Kf4 Kg6 52.Qd6+ Kg7 53.Kf5 Kh7 54.Qf8 b3 55.Kf6 b2 56.Qg7#)* 49...Kd5 50.Rf5+ Kc4 51.Qxc5+ *(51.Rxc5+ Kb4 52.Qf5 Ka4 53.Rxb5 Ka3 54.Qf3+ Ka4 55.Qb3#)* 51...Kb3 52.Rf4 *(52.Qxb5+ Kc2 53.Rc5+ Kd2 54.Qb2+ Kd3 55.Qc2+ Kd4 56.Qc4#)* 52...Kb2 53.Rb4+ *(53.Qxb5+ Kc2 54.Rc4+ Kd3 55.Qd5+ Ke2 56.Rc2+ Kf1 57.Qh1#)* 53...Ka3 54.Rxb5+ Discovered Attack (Check) Ka4 55.Qb4#]
43...b4 44.Rf4 g6-g7! would kill now. **44...Rb8 45.g7** White mates. **45...Kd6 46.h7 c2 47.g8Q Rxg8 48.hxg8Q**
[Less strong is 48.hxg8R c1Q 49.Rg6+ *(49.Rxb4 Qc2±)* 49...Kd7 *(49...Kc5? 50.Rf5+ Kd4 51.Kg2+-)* 50.Rxb4 Qc5+-]
48...c1Q 49.Qd8+ Ke5 50.Qd4+ Ke6 51.Rf6+ Ke7 52.Qd6+ Ke8 53.Rf8# Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.85. Loss on time!?
0-1

C06
□ **Follesa,Enrico** **2241**
■ **Thompson,Ian D** **2003**
Dortmund Sparkassen op-A 51st (1)
[Kitty Kat]

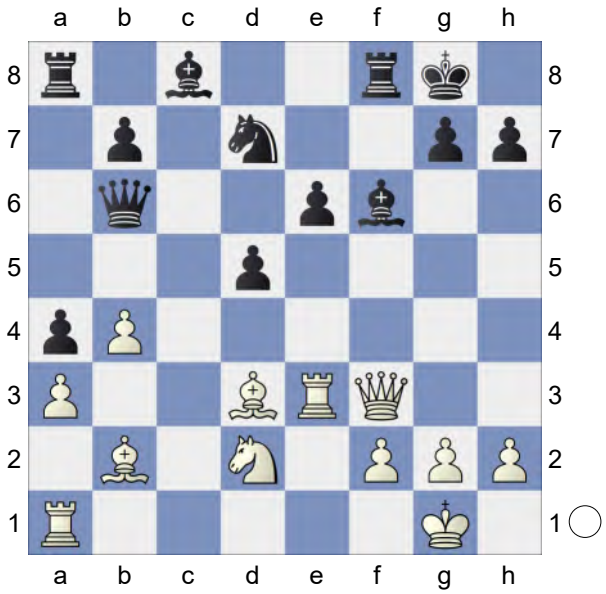
C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines Motylev,Alexander: 'Motylev,A: 'Inf 79/246'' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Qxf6 10.Nf3 h6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Ng3 0-0 13.Bc2** And now Qd1-d3 would win. **13...Rd8 14.a3N**
[14.Re1 Nf8 15.Ne5 Qh4 *(15...Bxe5 16.dxe5 Qh4 17.Nh5 Rd7 18.Re3 Rf7 19.f4 Qd8 20.Rg3 Ne7 21.Nf6+* 1-0 Tiviakov,S (2599)-Hertneck,G (2570) Ch Europe (team) 2001 (4)*; 15...Bd7 16.f4 Be8 17.Be3 Qh4 18.Rf1 Ne7 19.f5 Bxe5 20.dxe5 exf5 21.Rf4 Qg5 22.Qf3 Neg6 23.Rxf5 Qe7 24.Rf1 Ne6 25.Rh5 Ng5 26.Rxg5 hxg5 27.Nf5 Qc7 28.Bb1 Bb5 29.Qh5 Nf8 30.Bxg5* 1-0 Motylev,A (2552)-Iljushin, A (2515) (ch) 79/246 Russia 2000*)* 16.f4 Bd7 17.Be3 Rac8 18.a3 Na5 19.b3 Rc7 20.Bd3 Rdc8 21.f5 Nc6 22.fxe6 Bxe6 23.Nf5 Bxf5 24.Bxf5 Re8 25.g3 Qf6 26.Rf1 Qe7 27.Re1 Nxe5 28.dxe5 Qxe5 ½-½ Milov,L (2422)-Steadman,M (2127) Heusenstamm Schloss op 2023 (4)]
14...Nf8 15.Re1 White is slightly better. **15...Qf7 16.b4 Bd7! 17.Qd3 a6 18.Bd2 Rac8 19.Rac1 Be8 20.Qe3**

Bb8 21.Bd3 Ba7 0.68/20
[21...Qf6= 0.18/19]
22.Ne2 -0.01/21 White is more active.
[22.b5!± 0.68/20 axb5 23.Bxb5]
22...Qf6= 23.Bc3 Bh5 24.b5 -0.57/23
[24.a4= -0.01/21]
24...axb5∓ 25.Bxb5 -1.05/23
[25.Ne5∓ -0.64/21]
25...Bxf3 -0.40/22
[25...Ng6∓ -1.05/23 ...e6-e5! would now be deadly. 26.Bxc6 Rxc6]
26.gxf3 -1.63/22
[26.Qxf3∓ -0.40/22 Qxf3 27.gxf3]
26...Ng6 -0.89/22
[26...e5-+ -1.63/22 27.Bxc6 Rxc6 *(27...bxc6 28.Qxe5 Qxe5 29.dxe5∓)* 28.Qxe5 Qxf3]
27.f4∓ Bb8
[27...Rf8 is interesting. 28.Bd3 Rf7 29.Rb1 Nxf4 30.Nxf4 Qxf4 31.Qxf4 Rxf4 32.Rxe6 Nxd4 33.Bxd4 Bxd4 34.Rf1 Rcf8]
28.Bd2 Rf8 29.Bxc6 bxc6 30.Rc3 -1.39/21
[30.a4∓ -0.65/22]
30...Nxf4 -0.27/22
[Don't take 30...Bxf4 31.Nxf4 Nxf4 32.Qxf4 Qxf4 33.Bxf4 Rxf4 34.Rxe6∓]
[30...Bd6∓ -1.39/21 31.Kh1 Nxf4 32.Nxf4 Bxf4 33.Qxf4 Qxf4 34.Bxf4 Rxf4 35.Rxe6 Rxf2 *(35...Rxd4 36.Rexc6 Rxc6 37.Rxc6∓)* 36.Rexc6 Rxc6 37.Rxc6 Rf4]
31.Nxf4= Bxf4 32.Qxf4 Qxf4 33.Bxf4 Rxf4 34.Rxe6 Rxd4 35.Rexc6 Rxc6 36.Rxc6∓ Endgame. KR-KR **36...Ra4 37.Rc3 Kf7 38.Kf1 Ke6 39.Ke2 Ke5 40.Rb3 Rh4 41.h3 g5 42.Rc3** -0.41/26
[42.Re3+= -0.03/26 Kf6 43.Rd3]
42...Kd6 43.Rf3 Kc5 44.Kd2 g4 -0.01/25
[44...Ra4∓ -0.44/22]
45.Rc3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)
½-½

C06
□ **Prober,Raphael** **1878**
■ **Oktem,Ege Tuna** **2144**
EU-ch U14 Prague (1) 22.08.2024
[Kitty Cat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 Be7 8.0-0 a5 9.Re1 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qb6 11.a3** -0.19/21
[⌓11.a4 0.30/21]
[11.Nb1 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Nc3 Qb6 14.Qg4 0-0 15.Bh6 g6 16.Bxf8 Bxf8 17.Bb5 Nc5 Halfon,E-Roos,P Sacramento 2002]
11...a4 0.69/22
[Black should try 11...g5!= -0.19/21]
12.b4N
[12.Qc2 g5 13.h3 h5 14.Nf1 g4 15.hxg4 hxg4 16.N3h2 Nxd4 17.Qd1 Nb3 18.Rb1 Nxc1 19.Qxc1 Qd4 20.Bb5 Kd8 21.Qc2 Nxe5 22.Rbd1 Qf4 23.Re4 Qg5 24.Rc1 Bd6 25.Rxa4 Qh4 26.Rxa8 Nf3+ 1-0 Flores,D (2439)-Claverie,R (2303) American Continental 02nd 2003 (4) 27.gxf3 Bxh2+ 28.Nxh2 Qxh2+ 29.Kf1 Qh1+ 30.Ke2 Qxf3+ 31.Ke1 ½-½ Flores,D (2607)-Dreev,A (2662) Espana 107/181 2009]
12...Nxd4 13.Bb2 White is slightly better. **13...Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 0-0** 1.28/24
[Better is 14...Nf8± 0.59/21]
15.Re3 0.02/19 White has more active pieces.
[White should play 15.Qh3± 1.28/24 h6 16.Nf3]

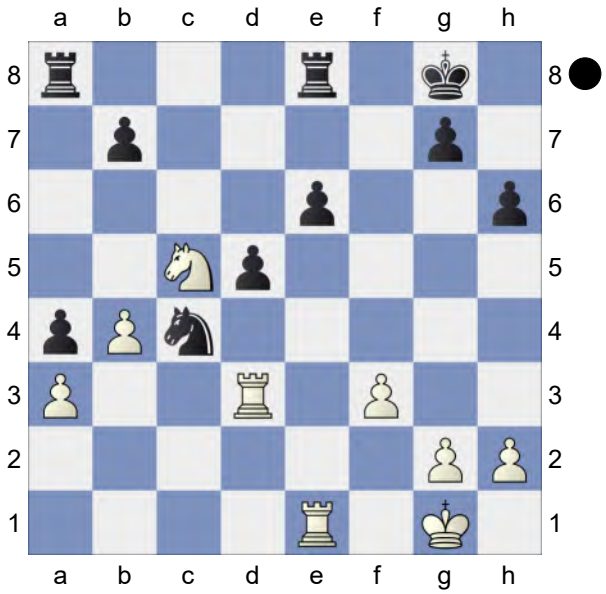
15...f5= 16.exf6 Bxf6



17.Qh5! h6 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.Qg6 -0.41/24
[19.Qh4= -0.01/21]
19...Qd4 20.Rae1 Qg4 21.Nf3 Qxg6
[21...Bd7 is interesting. 22.Ne5 Qxg6 23.Nxg6 Rfe8]
22.Bxg6 Bd7 23.Ne5 Be8 24.Bxe8 -1.11/23
[24.Bd3= -0.22/22]
24...Rfxe8∓ 25.Nd3 Ne4 26.f3 -1.68/23
[26.h4∓ -0.88/23]
26...Nd6-+ And now ...Nd6-c4 would win.
27.Nc5 -2.26/23
[27.Rxe6 Rxe6 28.Rxe6 Nb5]
[27.Nf4∓ -1.49/21 might work better.]
27...Nc4 28.Rd3

(Diagram)

b6 29.Nd7
[29.Nxe6? loses. Kf7 30.Rxd5 Rxe6-+]
29...Kf7 30.Kf2 Rac8 White must now prevent ...Kf7-e7. **31.g4** -3.03/24
[⌓31.f4 -1.98/23]
31...Re7 32.Ne5+ Nxe5 33.Rxe5 Kf6 34.f4 -4.61/24



[34.Re1 -2.20/24 is a better defense.]
34...Rc4 35.Rf3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.18 (very precise) . Loss on time!?
1-0

C10

☐	**Ellithorpe,Gilbert P**	**2590**
■	**Bancroft,H.**	**2580**
	USSR 32/(708)	1992

[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Ng3 Be7 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 a5**
[10...Bxf3 11.Qxf3 c6 12.c4 Re8 13.Rfe1 Nf8 14.h4 Qc7 15.Rac1 Ng6 16.h5 Nh4 17.Qe3 Bd6 18.Ne4 Bf4 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Qe4 French-6.c3 ♘c6 7.f4_52466 Survey 2020]
11.a3N
[11.c4 a4 12.Ne5 axb3 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Qxb3 c5 15.d5 exd5

16.cxd5 Bd6 17.Bb5 Rb8 18.a4 Nb6 19.Rad1 Nbxd5 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Qxd5 Ng5 22.Rfe1 Ne6 23.g3 Nd4 24.Bxd4 cxd4 25.Rxd4 Qf6 1-0 Bologan,V (2679)-Svidler,P (2747) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2004 (12)]

11...b5 12.Re1 0.08/21

[12.Ne5± 0.59/20 Nxe5 13.dxe5]

12...b4= The position is equal. **13.a4 Bb7 14.Nd2** -0.26/21

[14.Ne5 0.17/21 feels stronger.]

14...c5 15.Nc4 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Qc7 17.Qc1 -0.57/21

[17.Ne4= -0.18/19 should be considered.]

17...Bc5

[17...Rfd8 simplifies 18.Bf1 Bc5 19.Bxc5 Nxc5 20.Qe3 Nd5]

18.Bb2 h6 Against Qc1-g5 **19.Qd1 Rfd8** -0.54/21

[Better is 19...Qf4∓ -0.93/22 20.Re2 Qh4]

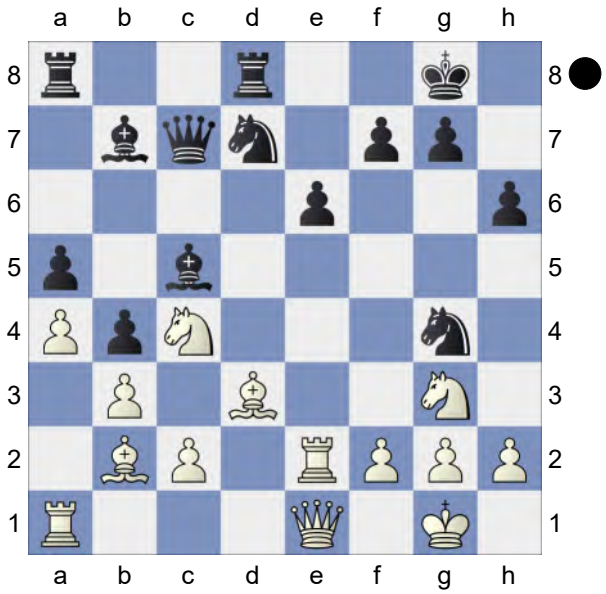
20.Qe2∓ Qc6 0.01/22

[20...Qf4!∓ -0.87/21 21.Rad1 Qh4]

21.Qf1 -1.24/21 Active counter play!

[21.Ne4= 0.01/22]

21...Ng4!∓ 22.Re2 Qc7! 23.Qe1



h5 -0.82/21 **24.Nf1 Qc6** -0.50/22

[24...Nb6∓ -1.09/23 White must now prevent ...Nb6xc4. 25.Ne5 Bd4 26.Bxd4 Rxd4]

25.Nfe3 Bxe3 0.48/22

[25...Nb6∓ -0.57/20 26.Ne5 Nxe5 27.Bxe5 f6]

26.fxe3± Threatens to win with h2-h3.

26...Nc5 ...Qc6-c7! is the strong threat. Excellent horsemanship. **27.h3** Some like it hot **27...Nxd3 28.cxd3 Nh6 29.Rc1** 0.44/21

[White should play 29.Qg3!± 0.86/21 e5 *(29...Rxd3 30.Qxg7#; 29...Nf5 30.Qg5±)* 30.Rc1 *(30.Nxe5 Qd6=; 30.Bxe5 f6±)*]

29...Qc5

[29...Rxd3 30.Ne5 Qd6 31.Nxd3 Qxd3 32.e4 Qxb3 33.Qh4+- *(33.Rc7 Bxe4 34.Bxg7 Kxg7=)*]

30.Ne5 Qe7 31.Rec2 0.16/21

[31.e4± 0.53/22 is superior.]

31...Rac8!= 32.Rxc8 Rxc8 33.Rxc8+ Bxc8 34.e4 Ba6 35.Qe3↑ Black is under pressure. **35...Qc7** 0.69/23 Inhibits Qe3-b6.

[35...f6= 0.01/24 36.Nc4 Qd8]

36.Nc4 0.01/24

[White should try 36.Nf3!± 0.69/23]

36...Bxc4 37.dxc4 Endgame. KQB-KQN

[37.Qd4 feels hotter. Qg3 38.dxc4 f6 39.c5]

37...e5 0.66/22

[37...f6= 0.01/23]

38.Qd3± And now Qd3-d5 would win.

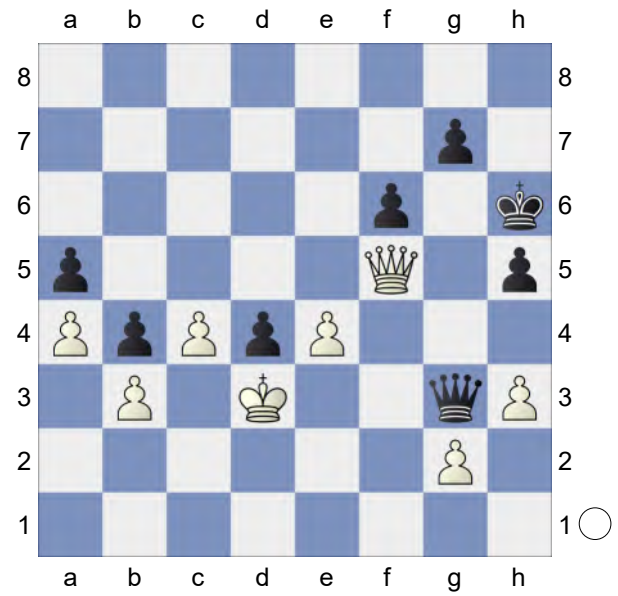
38...f6 39.Bc1 Nf7 40.Be3 Kh7 41.Qd5 0.46/25

[41.Bf2!± 0.82/24]

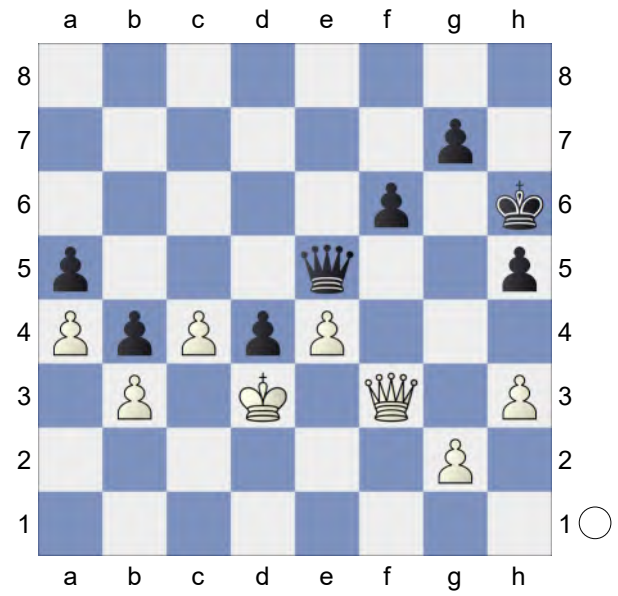
41...Nd8 42.Kf2 Nc6 43.Ke2 Kg6 44.Qe6 Nd4+ 1.56/22

[⌓44...Kh7 0.72/24]

45.Bxd4± exd4 KQ-KQ **46.Qf5+ Kh6 47.Kd3! Qg3+**



48.Qf3!
[48.Kxd4 Qxb3 49.Qf4+ Kh7 50.Qf5+ g6 51.Qxa5 Qb2+ 52.Kc5 b3 53.Qc7+ Kh6=]
48...Qe5 2.62/25
[⌓48...Qc7 1.79/27 49.h4 *(49.Kxd4 Qe5+ 50.Ke3 Qb2=)* 49...Qe5]



49.Qf2!+-
[49.Qf5 Qg3+ 50.Qf3 *(50.Kxd4 Qxb3 51.Qf4+ Kg6=)* 50...Qe5±]
49...Kg6 2.60/23
[49...g5± 1.60/26 50.Qf5 *(50.Qxd4 Qg3+ 51.Qe3 Qd6+ 52.Ke2 Qe5=)* 50...Qg3+ 51.Kxd4 Qd6+ 52.Qd5 Qg3]
50.Qxd4? 0.01/24
[50.Qf5+!+- 2.60/23 Kf7 51.c5]
50...Qg3+= 51.Qe3 Qxg2 2.57/25
This move loses the game for Black.
[51...Qe5= 0.01/22 and Black stays safe.]
52.c5+- c5-c6 would now be deadly.
52...f5? 6.78/21
[52...Qb2 2.76/24]
53.c6 aiming for c6-c7. White is clearly winning. **53...Qf1+ 54.Kd4 f4 55.Qd3 Qg1+ 56.Kc4 Qe1 57.Kb5 Qg3 58.Qd6+ Kh7 59.c7 Qxh3 60.Qd8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.41
1-0

C07

□ **Gao,Yutong**
■ **Xue,Haoyang**
CHN-ch U12 Shenzhen (4) 29.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

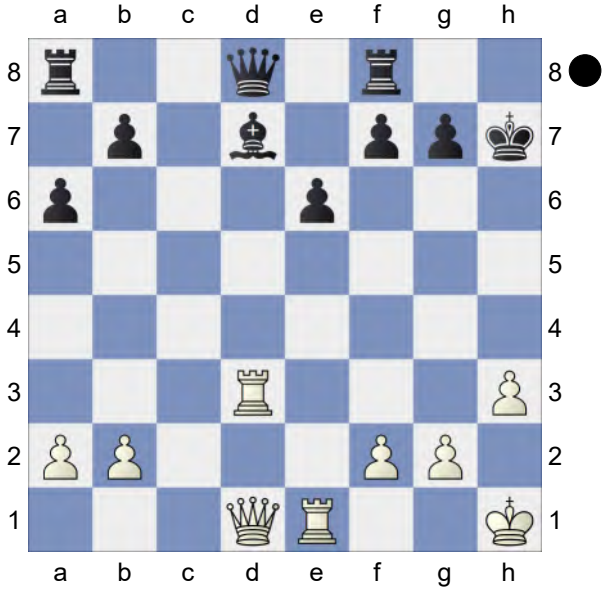
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 a6** The position is equal. **9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qc7 11.Bd3 Bd6 12.h3** 12.Kb1 is setting a new trend. 12.Kb1 setzt einen neuen Trend. **12...Nf6 13.Re1** Black should prevent Nd4-f5. **13...0-0 14.Bg5 Bh2+**
[14...Nd5 feels hotter. 15.Qh5 h6 16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.Qxh6 f6]
15.Kh1 Hoping for Bg5xf6. **15...Be5 16.c3 h6 17.Nf3N Bxc3 18.Rc1!** Pin **18...hxg5 19.Rxc3 Qd8N**
[19...Qb6 20.Qd2 Bd7 21.Rb3 Qd8 22.Nxg5 Bc6 23.Qf4 Qd5 24.f3

Rfd8 25.Qh4 Qd4 26.f4 Bd5 27.Rc3 Rac8 28.Rd1 Qb6 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.b3 Qe3 31.Bh7+ Kf8 32.Bd3 Ke7 33.f5 Rh8 34.Qxh8 ½-½ Mohr,G (2031)-Vivarelli,A (2182) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (7)]

20.Nxg5

[20.Qd2 b5 21.Qxg5 Bb7 Strongly threatening ...Bb7xf3. 22.Ne5 Rc8 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Kh2 0.01/21 *(24.h4± 0.37/22)* 24...Qd8!= 25.Re3 *(25.Re2!?)* 25...Nd5 26.Qh5]

20...Bd7 Against Qd1-a4 **21.Nh7 Nxh7 22.Bxh7+ Kxh7 23.Rd3**



Qf6! 24.Rxd7 Qxb2 25.Re4 Kg8

[25...Qxf2? 26.Qh5+ Kg8 27.Rh4+-]

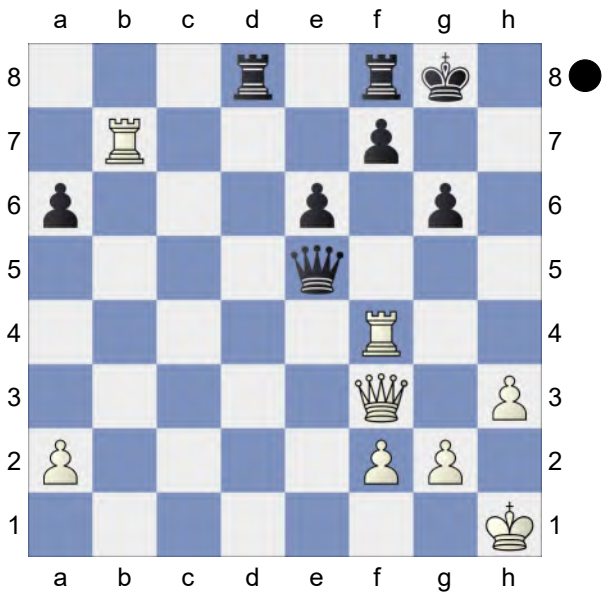
[25...Qxa2 26.Rh4+ Kg8 27.Qh5 Qa1+ 28.Kh2 *(28.Rd1 Qxd1+ 29.Qxd1 Rac8+-; 28.Rd1 Qxd1+ 29.Qxd1 Rac8+-)*]

26.Rh4! g6⇄ Repels Qd1-h5. Black has counterplay

[Inferior is 26...Qxa2 27.Qh5 Qa1+ 28.Kh2 *(28.Rd1 Qxd1+ 29.Qxd1 b5+-; 28.Rd1 Qxd1+ 29.Qxd1 f5+-)*]

27.Qf3 Rad8 28.Rxb7 Qe5 29.Rf4

(Diagram)



Rd1+! Deflection **30.Qxd1 Qxf4=** Endgame. KQR-KQR **31.Kg1 Rc8 32.Rb1** Inhibits Rc8-c1. **32...a5 33.Qd3** Vorgänger: **33...a4 34.g3 Qf6 35.Rd1 Rc3 36.Qd8+** -0.49/27

[36.Qe4= 0.01/25]

36...Kg7 -0.01/25

[36...Qxd8!∓ -0.49/27 is superior. 37.Rxd8+ Kg7]

37.Qxf6+ Kxf6 KR-KR **38.Rd4 Ra3 39.Rd2 g5** -0.16/26

[39...e5∓ -0.60/27 is more appropriate.]

40.Kf1 Ke5 0-1 Artemiev,V (2229)-Adamson,K (2161) Omsk-ch 2010 (9)

41.Ke2 f5 42.f3 -1.56/28

[White should play 42.Kf1∓ -0.34/25]

(Diagram)

42...f4 -0.50/29

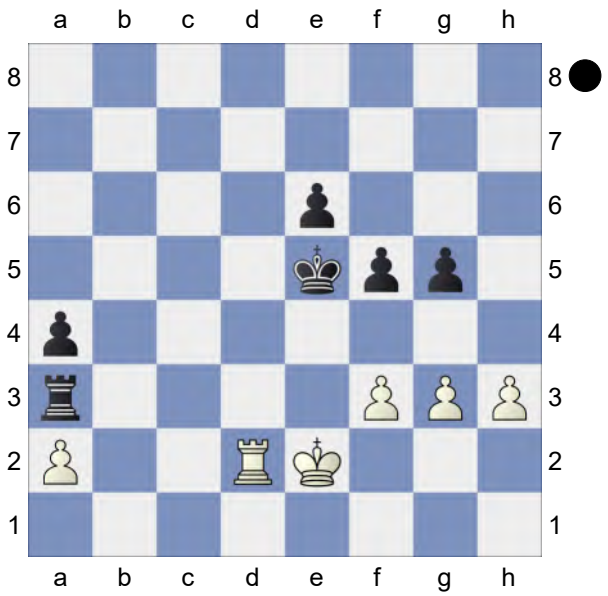
[42...g4!∓ -1.56/28 43.hxg4 fxg4 44.fxg4 Rxg3]

43.Kf2∓ Kf5 44.Rb2 -1.04/29

[44.Kg2∓ -0.55/29 feels stronger.]

44...e5 -0.65/27

[Better is 44...Rc3∓ -1.04/29



aiming for ...a4-a3. 45.gxf4 a3 *(45...gxf4 46.h4∓)* 46.Rb5+ Kxf4 47.Rb4+ Kf5]

45.gxf4 -1.22/30

[45.Rc2∓ -0.65/27]

45...gxf4 -0.47/29

[Black should try 45...exf4∓ -1.22/30 46.Kg2 Ke5]

46.Re2 -1.00/28

[46.h4∓ -0.47/29]

46...Rc3∓ 47.Rd2? -6.06/27 This move loses the game for White.

[47.h4∓ -0.79/27]

47...Kg5-+ 48.Re2 Kh4 49.Rxe5 -6.78/27

[⌓49.Ke1 -4.01/25 Rc5 *(49...Rxf3 50.Rxe5 Kxh3 51.Re4-+)* 50.Rd2]

49...Rc2+ 50.Re2 Rxe2+ Black mates.

51.Kxe2 Kxh3 52.Kd3 Kg3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.10 (very precise) . Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?

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C03

□ **Parreira,Jose Rodrigo** **2304**

■ **Felgendreher,Heiko** **2527**

29: Politiken Cup (2) 19.04.2009

[Kitty Kat]

C03: French Tarrasch: Unusual Black 3rd moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 b6 8.Ne4N**

[8.Nf1 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.Ng3 b5 11.0-0 Nab8 12.a4 cxd4 13.axb5 dxc3 14.bxc3 Qc7 15.Qd4 g6 16.c4 Qxc4 17.Qxc4 dxc4 18.Be3 Nc5 19.Nd4 0-0 20.Rfc1 Nd3 21.Rxc4 Nxe5 22.Rc7 Bd8 1-0 Perez Berenguer,V (2678)-Levitina,I (2628) Trud - Burevestnik 39/304 1984 (1.1)]

[8.0-0 Ba6 9.Ne1 Bxd3 10.Nxd3 Nc6 11.Qg4 g6 12.Nf3 h5 13.Qg3 Qc7 14.Be3 c4 15.Nf4 0-0-0 16.b3 Na5 17.Nd2 g5 18.Ne2 Rdg8 19.h3 g4 20.h4 Nf8 21.Nf4 Ng6 22.Nxg6 Rxg6 1-0 Braeu,L (2541)-Rushkin (2423) 103/229 London 2008 (2)]

8...a5

[8...dxe4 9.Bxe4 f6 10.exf6 *(10.Bxa8 cxd4 11.exf6 Bxf6+-)* 10...Nxf6 11.Bxa8+-]

9.Ng3 White is slightly better. **9...Ba6 10.Nh5 g6 11.Nf4** 0.15/19

[11.Bxa6± 0.71/21 Black must now prevent Ba6-b5. Rxa6 12.Ng3]

11...Bxd3= 12.Qxd3 Qc8 13.h4 Qa6 Dodges c3-c4 **14.Bd2** -0.18/18

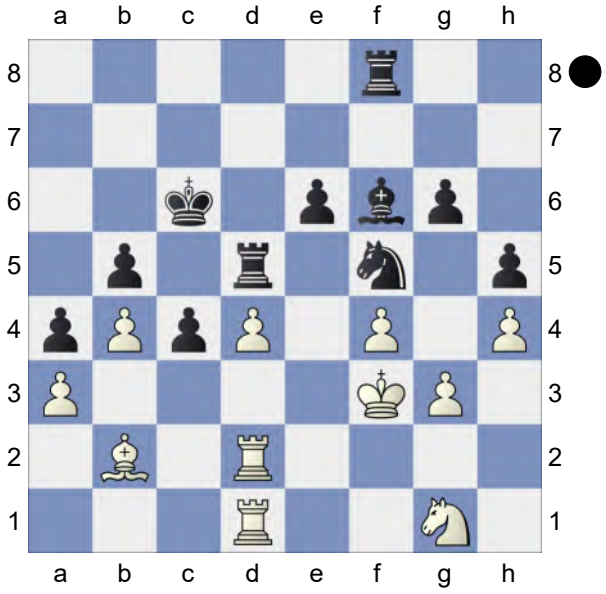
[14.Qd1 0.25/20 might be stronger.]

14...Qxd3 15.Nxd3 h5 16.Ke2 Nc6 17.b3 a4 18.b4 cxb4 19.cxb4 b5 20.Rac1 Rc8 21.Bc3 Nb6 22.Nd2 Nc4 23.f4 Bf8 24.g3 Ne7 25.Nc5 Nf5 26.Nxc4 -1.04/26

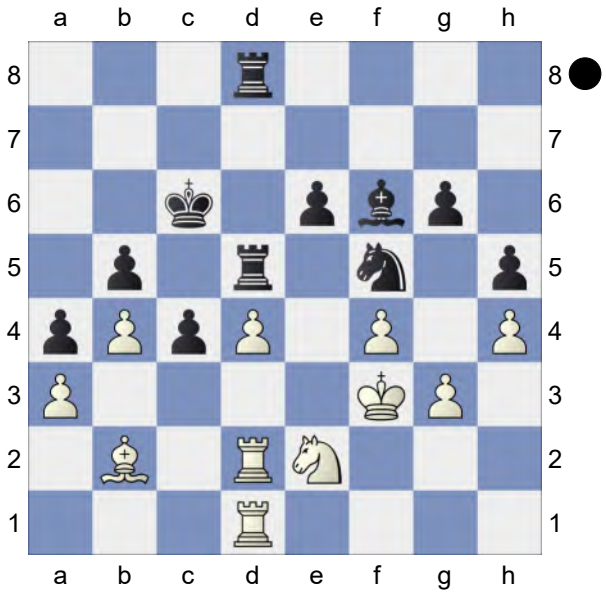
[26.Rhg1!∓ -0.55/24 is superior.]

26...dxc4 27.Ne4 Be7 28.Rcd1 Rd8

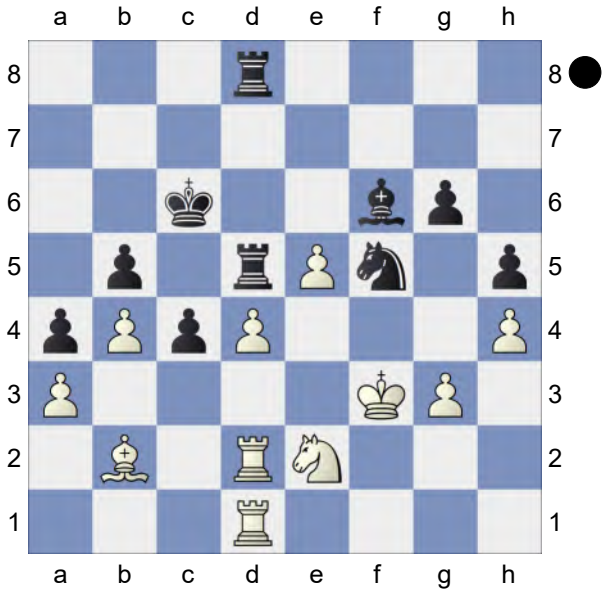
29.a3 0-0 -0.01/22
[Better is 29...Rd5∓ -0.95/24]
30.Rd2 Rd5 31.Rhd1 Rfd8 32.Kf3 -0.49/26
[32.Kf2= -0.01/28 should be considered.]
32...Kf8 -0.01/28
[32...Kg7!∓ -0.49/26]
33.Bb2 Ke8 34.Ba1 R8d7 35.Bb2 Kd8 36.Ba1 -0.78/31
[36.Kf2!= -0.01/28 keeps the balance.]
36...Kc8!∓ 37.Bb2 Kb7! 38.Ba1 Kc6 39.Bb2 Rd8 40.Nf2 -1.73/24
[40.Ke2∓ -0.65/23]
40...f6-+ Threatens to win with ...f6xe5.
41.Nh3 -3.01/23
[⌓41.Re2 -1.98/23]
41...Rf8? -1.08/25
[41...fxe5-+ -3.01/23 42.fxe5 Re8]
42.exf6∓ Bxf6 Hoping for ...Rf8-d8.
43.Ng1? -3.72/26
[43.Ng5∓ -1.13/22 was the only chance.]



This costs White the game. **43...Rfd8!-+**
44.Ne2
(Diagram)



e5! 45.fxe5



Bxe5 Pin **46.Bc3**
[46.Re1 Bd6]
46...Bc7 And now ...Rd8-f8 would win.
47.Re1 Re8 Black is clearly winning.
48.Rc2 -7.23/25
[⌓48.Rg1 -4.78/21]
48...Rf8 49.Nf4 Nxh4+ Deflection
50.gxh4 Rxf4+ 51.Ke3 Rxh4 52.Rf2 Rh3+ 53.Kd2 Rh2 54.Re6+ Kd7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.23 (precise)
0-1

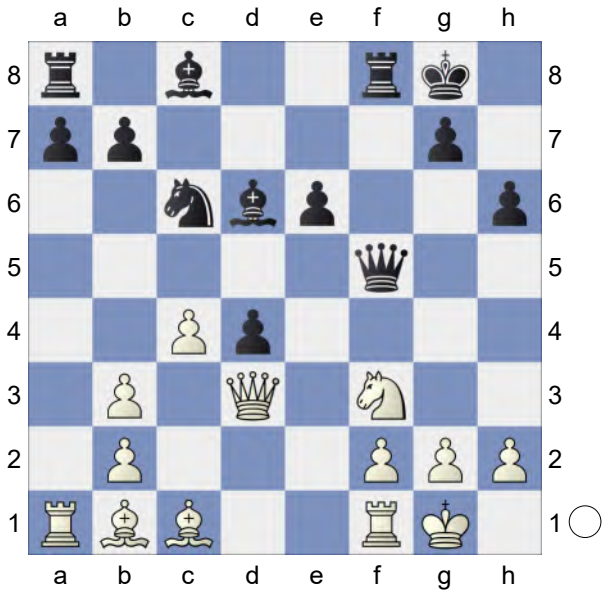
C06

□ **Ibd2**
■ **Blackford,Ross**
8/205 Raach 1982
[Kitty Kat]

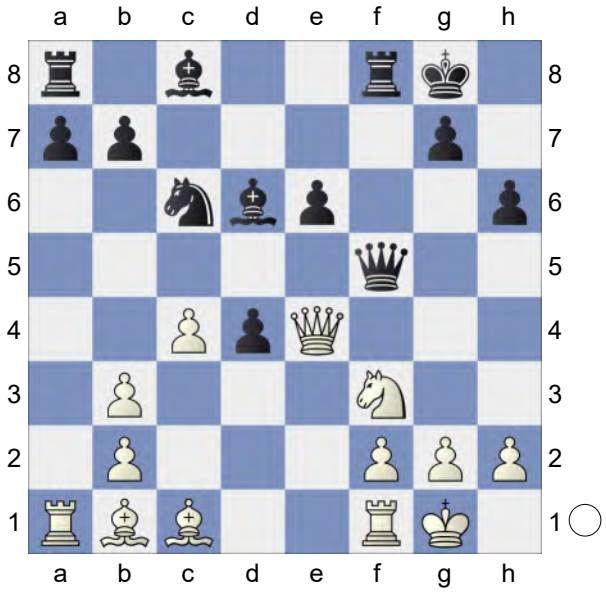
C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Ngf3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Bd3 f5**
[7...Be7 8.0-0 g5 9.b4 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nxb4 11.Be2 Nf8 12.Nb3 Ng6 13.Be3 Kf8 14.Qd2 h6 15.h4 gxh4 16.Bxh6+ Kg8 17.Be3 b6 18.a3 Nc6 19.Bd3 Rh5 20.Nh2 a5 21.Nc1 a4 22.Qe2 ½-½ Pink,F (2465)-7. ♕d5 ♘c6 (2570) Ahvaz 135/63 2018]
8.exf6 Qxf6 9.0-0 Bd6N
[9...Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Qe2 Nb6 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nb3 Bd6 14.Bg5 Qf7 15.Bh4 h6 16.Bg3 Bxg3 17.hxg3 e5 18.Bc2 Bg4 19.Qe3 Nc4 20.Qd3 e4 21.Qd1 exf3 22.Qd3 Bf5 23.Qd1 Bxc2 24.Qxc2 0-1 Popczynska,M (1795)-Sakharchuk,A (1741) Wroclaw Anderssen Memorial op blitz 2024 (4)]
10.c4 0.16/21
[10.dxc5± 0.61/20 Nxc5 11.Bc2]
10...0-0!= 11.Nb3 The position is equal.
11...h6 Repels Bc1-g5 **12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Bb1 Nxb3** 0.55/22
[13...b6= 0.01/21]
14.axb3± d4 1.14/22 White leaves nothing to chance now.
[Black should play 14...Ne7± 0.46/19]
15.Qd3 Qf5

(Diagram)

16.Qe2
[16.Nxd4? Qxd3 17.Bxd3 Nxd4-+]



16...Qf6 17.Qe4 Qf5 1.32/23
[17...e5!± 0.56/21]



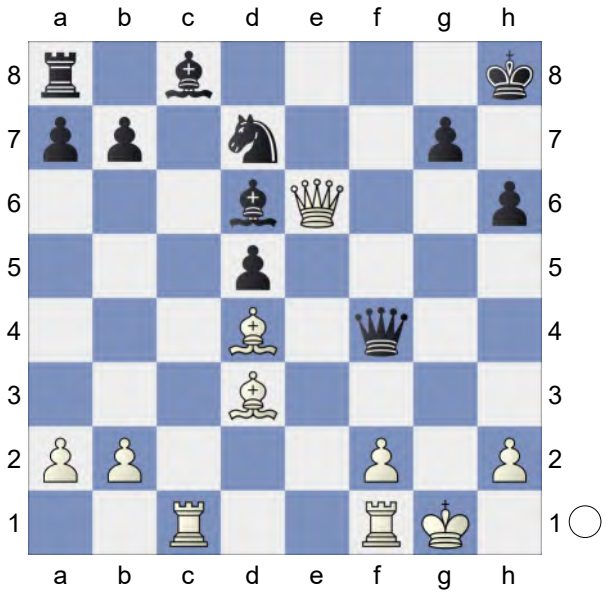
18.Qxc6!!± bxc6 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.Nxd4 Bb7 21.Bd2 Be5 1.72/24
[21...Rf6± 1.27/21 22.Rfe1 c5]
22.Ne6+- Rfe8 23.Nc5 Bc8 24.Rfe1 Kf7 25.Nd3 Bd6 26.Be3 f4 27.Bxf4
[27.Rxa7+ Rxa7 28.Bxa7 Rxe1+ 29.Nxe1 Bf5=]
27...Bf5 28.Rxe8 Kxe8 29.Re1+
[29.Bxd6 Bxd3 30.Be5 g6]
29...Kf7 30.Bxd6 Bxd3 Endgame. KRB-

KRB **31.Re7+ Kf6 32.Bc5 Bc2** 2.09/21
[⌓32...a5 1.71/22 33.Rc7 a4 34.Bd4+ *(34.Rxc6+ Kf7+-)* 34...Ke6 35.bxa4 *(35.Rxg7 axb3 36.h4 Ra1+ 37.Kh2 Rd1+-; 35.Rxc6+ Kd7+-; 35.Bxg7 axb3 36.h4 Kd6+-)* 35...Rxa4]
33.Rb7
[33.Rxa7?! Rxa7 34.Bxa7 Bxb3±]
33...g6 2.18/21
[33...g5 1.77/19 keeps fighting. 34.f3 *(34.Rxa7 Rxa7 35.Bxa7 Bxb3±; 34.Bxa7 Bxb3 35.Rxb3 Rxa7+-)* 34...a5]
34.Bxa7
[Don't do 34.Rxa7?! Rxa7 35.Bxa7 Bxb3±]
34...Bxb3 35.Rxb3
[Less strong is 35.Bd4+ Ke6 36.h4 *(36.Rxb3? Ra1#)* 36...Bxc4±]
35...Rxa7 36.g3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.24 (precise)
1-0

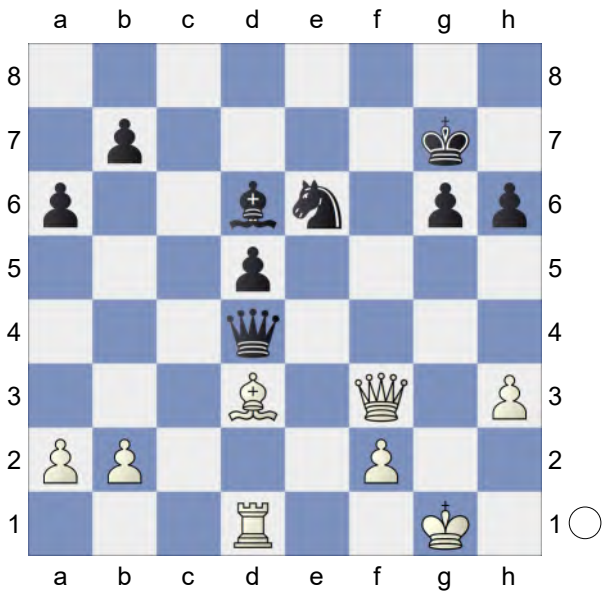
C06

☐ **Ibd2**
■ **Tolush Geller Gambit**
RUS-ch U14 Nizhnij Novgorod (8)
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Ngf3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Bd3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Qb6 9.0-0 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Nf3 Qb6 12.Qc2** White has compensation.
[12.Qa4 Qb4 13.Qc2 h6 14.Bd2 Qb6 15.Rac1 Be7 16.Qa4 Qd8 17.Rc2 Kf8 18.Rfc1 Nb6 19.Qg4 Bd7 20.Ba5 Rc8 21.Rxc8 Bxc8 22.Bb4 g6 23.Qh4 g5 24.Nxg5 Ke8 25.Bb5+ Bd7 26.Nxe6 fxe6 1-0 Winkler,G (2775)-Luciani,C (2737) 45/(200) Medellin 1987 (6)]
12...h6
[12...Qc5 13.Qe2 Be7 14.Bd2 0-0 15.Rac1 Qb6 16.Bb1 f5 17.exf6 Nxf6 18.Bc3 Bd7 19.Rfe1 Bb4 20.Bd4 Qa5 21.Red1 Rae8 22.Qe5 Qa6 23.Bd3 b5 24.Qe2 Qb7 25.Ne5 a6 26.g4 Re7 27.g5 1-0 Ibd2-Morrison,J (2460) (ol) 10/555 Siegen 1970]
13.Bf4N
[13.Bd2 Bb4 14.Bxb4 Qxb4 15.Rac1 0-0 16.a3 Qb6 17.Rfe1 a5 18.b3 Qd8 19.Qb2 b6 20.Bb1 Re8 21.b4 axb4 22.axb4 Ba6 23.b5 Bb7 24.Qc2 Nf8 25.Qe2 Qd7 26.Nd4 Rec8 27.f4 Ra4 ½-½ Weber,K (2409)-Grabner,H (2387) Wch26 sf09 ICCF Email 2002]
13...Be7 14.Rac1 0-0 White has an edge. **15.Be3** 0.05/21
[15.Qd2!± 0.57/19]
15...Qd8 16.Qd2 f6 17.exf6 Rxf6 0.76/21
[17...Nxf6± 0.35/21 18.Ne5 Bd7]
18.Bd4± White has more active pieces.
18...Rxf3 19.gxf3 aiming for Qd2-e3.
19...Bd6 1.75/23
[Black should play 19...e5± 0.50/21 20.Qe2 exd4 21.Qe6+ Kf8 *(21...Kh8 22.Rfe1±)*]
20.f4 Strongly threatening Qd2-e3.
20...Qh4 2.63/24
[20...b6± 1.56/21]
21.Qe2 Qxf4 3.09/27
[21...Qh3? 22.Rc3 e5 23.Bh7+ *(23.Bxe5 Kh8+-)* 23...Kxh7 24.Rxh3+-]
[21...Nf8 1.74/22 was worth a try. 22.Be5 Bxe5 23.fxe5 Bd7]
22.Qxe6++- Kh8



23.Rfe1! Intending Bd4xg7+! and mate.
[23.Qxd5? Qxh2#]
23...Nf8
[23...Qxh2+? 24.Kf1 Nf8 25.Rxc8+-]
24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Qxc8 Qxd4 26.Qf5 Re1-e8 would now be deadly. **26...g6**
27.Qf3→ White has strong attack.
27...Kg7 28.h3 a6 29.Rd1 Ne6



30.Bf5 1.79/26 **Ng5?** 3.52/25
[30...Qf4 1.79/26 31.Qxf4 *(31.Qxd5 Qh2+ 32.Kf1 Bc5±)* 31...Nxf4]
31.Qxd5 Qxb2 5.28/24
[⌓31...Qxd5 3.42/22 32.Rxd5 Be5]
32.Qxd6 White is clearly winning.
32...gxf5 Endgame. KQR-KQN **33.Qd7+ Nf7 34.Qd4+ Qxd4 35.Rxd4 Ne5** Threatens to win with ...Ne5-f3+. **36.Rd6 Nc6 37.Rd7+ Kf6 38.Rxb7** White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) / Black=0.61
1-0

C05

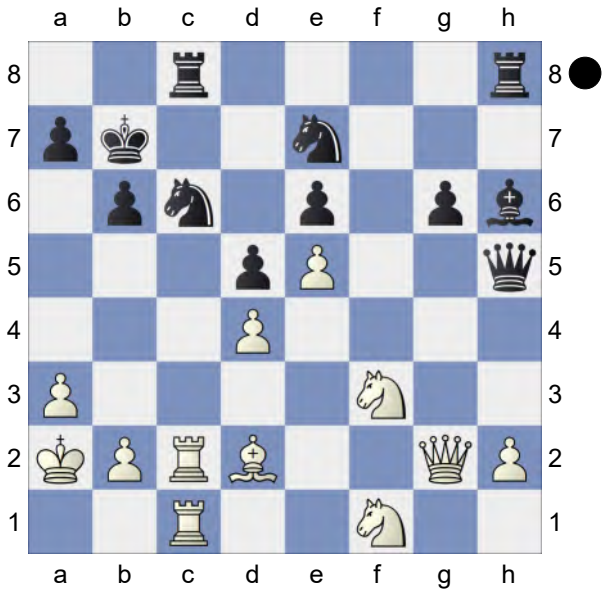
□ **Nimzowitsch,Aron**
■ **Morrison,George**
ICC Tmt London 1927
[Tactical Analysis 5.2 (8s)]

C05: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7, 5 f4 and 5 Bd3 sidelines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Ng8 5.Bd3 b6 6.c3 Qd7 7.f4N** &Bianco is more active.
[7.Ne2 Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.Nf3 Ne7 10.Qd3 Nb8 11.Ng5 h6 12.Nh7 Nbc6 13.Nxf8 Rxf8 14.b4 f6 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Bf4 Ng6 17.Bg3 C 05/01 Nce7 18.0-0 Nf5 19.c4 Nxg3 20.hxg3 dxc4 21.Qxc4 0-0-0 22.Rfc1 Rf7 23.a4 Kb8 24.a5 Qd5 25.axb6 cxb6 26.Qd3 Qf5 27.Qe3 e5 28.Rc4 e4 29.Nc3 Ne7 30.Rc1 Nd5 31.Nxd5 Qxd5 32.Qc3 C 06/43 (2420)-Miles,E (2690) Cuba 1957 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] ½-½ (55)]
7...Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.Qe2 White is slightly better. **9...Nb8 10.Ngf3 Nh6 11.Nf1 c5 12.Ne3 Nc6 13.g4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Ng8 15.Bd2 h5 16.gxh5 Rxh5 17.0-0-0 0-0-0 18.Kb1 Kb7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Rc2 Rh3 21.Bc3 f6 22.Qg2 Rh8 23.Rhc1 Nge7 24.Be1 fxe5 25.fxe5**
[Much worse is 25.Nxe5 Nxe5

26.Rxc8 *(26.fxe5 Rxc2 27.Rxc2 g6=)* 26...Nxc8=]

25...Qe8 **26.a3** **Qh5** **27.Ka2** aiming for Nf3-g5. **27...g6** **28.Bd2** Threatening Nf3-g5. **28...Bh6** Prevents Nf3-g5. **29.Nf1** -0.80/24

[29.Rc3= 0.01/23]



29...Bxd2!∓ **30.N1xd2** **Nf5!** ...Nf5-e3 is the strong threat. **31.Qg1** Prevents Nf5-e3. **31...Rhg8** -0.26/23

[31...g5∓ -0.61/23 32.h3 Qxh3 33.Qxg5 Qh6 34.Qxh6 Rxh6]

32.b4 -1.19/25

[32.Rc3= -0.26/23 keeps the balance.]

(Diagram)

32...a6 -0.61/24

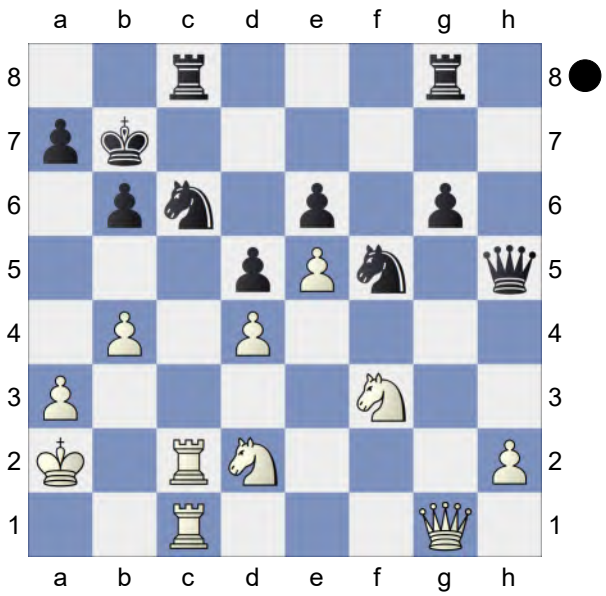
[32...g5!∓ -1.19/25 White must now prevent ...a7-a6. 33.b5 Nce7 34.Rxc8 Nxc8]

33.Rc3 -1.03/23

[33.h4∓ -0.61/24]

33...g5 Threatens to win with ...g5-g4.

34.Nb3 **g4** **35.Nfd2** **Qh6** Hoping for ...



Nf5xd4! **36.R3c2** -1.57/24

[White should try 36.Rd3 -1.10/20]

36...Ncxd4? 2.48/26 Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.06 (flawless)

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